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Israel to
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NEW YORK, Aug 22. (Reuters): Israel is on the verge of launching a spy satellite into low earth orbit after secretly test-firing a medium-range missile into the Mediterranean Sea last May, one magazine reported yesterday.

Citing unnamed intelligence sources, the weekly news magazine said the Israeli cabinet had only set a launch date to coincide with the eighth country known to possess a rocket powerful enough to lift a satellite into orbit.

"With its own orbiting electronic eye constantly monitoring Arab states, Israel would gain a distinct advantage in any military confrontation with its neighbours," the magazine said. Israel is no longer dependent solely on US satellite intelligence.

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The Shavit rocket was built jointly by the Israeli missile-naked Rafael and Israeli Aircraft Industries, maker of the Avia jet fighter.

Some Israeli defence officials argue for early deployment of the satellite because of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and new missile purchases by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the magazine said.

But other military officials believe an early launch would escalate the regional arms race and pressure Moscow to provide Arab countries with their own satellites.

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Rains hamper Indian and Nepalese relief efforts

Death toll in devastating earthquake reaches 1,200

KATHMANDU, Aug 22. (Agencies): The death toll from the most devastating earthquake to strike the India-Nepal border in more than half a century passed 900 today, according to government officials.

But ministry sources and unofficial reports said at least 1,200 people died in the tremor.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Niranjan Thapa told a Kathmandu press conference 450 Nepalese were known to have died in yesterday's earthquake that measured a powerful 6.7 on the open-ended Richter Scale. Thapa said, almost one-third of the Himalayan kingdom suffered extensive damage.

"There may be many more," he said.

Supplies

Home Ministry sources, however, put the present death toll at 550.

"Offers of foreign aid would be most welcome," he added, without giving details of what help was needed in the impoverished mountain kingdom where communications, transport and

health facilities are poor.

In Kathmandu, the British embassy announced the United Kingdom would fly in a six-member medical team with about 700 pounds (300 kg) of medical supplies to assist the Nepalese government. And the US embassy announced an emergency grant of \$25,000 to assist Nepal in its rescue operation.

In the north Indian state of Bihar, officials said at least 450 people died and towns near the frontier epicentre were devastated.

As in Kathmandu, the officials said the toll would rise as rescue workers, hampered by monsoon rains that have lashed the region for nearly two months, dug beneath the rubble.

The Bihar officials said unofficial reports reaching Patna, the state capital, suggested at least 650 people were killed.

Bir Bahadur Shahi, Secretary of the Home Affairs Ministry, said 50,000 to 60,000 houses were destroyed in Dharan.

"Ninety per cent of the remaining houses are cracked," Shahi said, adding that most of the damage was to "the very modern houses built of stone and older houses made from mud and

affected."

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INTERNATIONAL

Demonstrators demand multi-party democracy

Protests erupt again in Burma

BANGKOK, Aug 22, (Reuters): Protests erupted in Rangoon, Mandalay and other Burmese cities today in a renewed popular uprising to bring down the 26-year-old socialist government.

Diplomats and residents in Rangoon, contacted by telephone from Bangkok, said troops were deployed around some of the most flash points in the city centre but did not intervene.

They said there were persistent but unconfirmed reports of some shots being fired in the western part of the city with some injuries. "But reliable information, like many commodities in the country, is scarce," one diplomat said.

Exaggeration

He said there were also reports that soldiers fired on a column of demonstrators leaving the northern city of Mandalay, trying to join the rallies in the capital, 375 miles (600 km) to the south, but there were no confirmed reports of injuries.

"There have been huge demonstrations in Mandalay,

into six figures and that's no exaggeration," a diplomat said.

There were also reports of general strikes near Mandalay in the towns of Monywa and Sagan, to the south of the former royal capital, and Moumein, east of Rangoon.

The diplomats said monks, students and actors drew roars of applause and cheers with fiery speeches to 20,000 people massed at the Rangoon General Hospital, while soldiers eradicating automatic rifles sat on the pavement and listened.

The hospital has become a rallying point for resistance and protest since the Army dispersed marches two weeks ago by firing into the crowd.

Soldiers were posted around the red brick building, a legacy of British colonial rule, allowing access only in one direction away from other demonstrations in the city centre.

Burma has been torn since March by waves of social and political turmoil that have driven two socialist leaders from office

and now threaten a third, diplomats said.

They said former Justice Minister Maung Maung, who took over the chairmanship of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party on Friday, appealing for breathing space to rebuild the shattered economy, did not appear to be taking control.

"The government doesn't look like anything, right now. There have been no appeals, no news, just silence. What they will do tomorrow is very, very uncertain," one said.

The demonstrators, showing little fear for the troops or respect for imposed martial law, carried flags, raised their fists and chanted for a multi-party democracy and the release of political prisoners.

Obviously

Lawyers dressed in court robes and doctors in white hospital uniforms took part in a day-long demonstration in a street near the US embassy and dispersed peacefully, diplomats said.

They said this obvious show of

support from the professional classes added a new dimension to the demonstrations which two weeks ago were led by students, workers and Buddhist monks.

The protesters called for a referendum on a multi-party democracy. This key demand of the opposition has already been rejected by Maung Maung, who urged people to get back to work to create conditions for reforming the centralised economy.

Abuse

Travellers arriving in Bangkok from Rangoon said the demonstrators outside the US embassy were well organised.

"There were stewards making sure it was orderly and telling people not to abuse the security forces," said Philippe Advani, an engineer from Paris.

"People told us the Army had been told not to intervene in the demonstrations," he said.

As with the violent protests across the city between Aug 8 and 12, travellers said there were reports of considerable unrest from the Rangoon suburbs.



Striking coal miners sit around their picket line in Jastzeble as labour unrest spreads in Poland. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thief returns stolen Munch painting

OSLO, Aug 22, (Reuters): One of the most famous paintings by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, which was stolen from an Oslo museum in February, has been handed over undamaged by a young man suspected of the theft, police said today.

"This man just brought the vampire to the police station," police spokesman Odd Mathisen said.

He said the 21-year-old man, who has not been named, was arrested on suspicion of stealing the painting, valued at around \$6 million, and of a jewel theft worth more than half a million dollars. Mathisen declined all further comment.

"The vampire shows a woman bending over to kiss a man on the neck, her face obscured by her long red hair. Painted in 1893 and 1894, it is one of three by Munch with the same title.

Munch, born in 1863, had a profound influence on European expressionist painters in the early years of this century. His paintings are often concerned with death, sexuality and mental or physical illness. He died in 1944.

The painting was stolen in 1988 and has been seen or contacted by reporters in Gdansk.

The diplomats said fewer people

Gdansk shipyard workers join strike

GDANSK, Poland, Aug 22, (Reuters): Several hundred workers went on strike today in the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk, the birthplace of Solidarity, as labour unrest over legislation of the banned trade union spread.

Riot police sealed off the shipyard in the northern city just after the strike began.

Port workers told reporters of the five sections of the Gdansk port had gone on strike and work had stopped at the city's separate northern port.

A strike committee spokesman said a strike also began today at the Stalowa Wola steel mill that employs about 18,000 workers some 200 km south of Warsaw.

She said by telephone from inside the plant that up to 2,000 workers were on strike.

The report could not immediately be officially confirmed.

Transport and port workers were already on strike in the city, about 400 km northwest of Warsaw.

Strikers said Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who works as an electrician at the shipyard, was inside with them. The reports could not be confirmed as Walesa had not been seen or contacted by reporters in Gdansk.

Alojzy Szablewski, head of the Lenin shipyard strike committee, said: "The situation in the whole shipyard is under the control of the strikers."

The diplomats said fewer people

were on strike than during a wave of unrest in April and May, which was triggered by sharp price increases, but the latest strikes were more widespread and seemed more serious.

A strike leader told reporters outside the Lenin shipyard that several hundred workers had downed tools after a strike committee gathered them in the morning.

Reporters saw workers marching through the shipyard with Solidarity banners and chanting "there is no freedom without Solidarity." The strikers manned all the shipyard's gates.

They were greeted enthusiastically by supporters outside the shipyard. Some supporters kissed the strikers through one of the iron gates.

Riot police sealed off the shipyard, which employs about 12,000 men, and removed several dozen onlookers.

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Western diplomats in Warsaw said the unrest, which has also hit 10 coal mines in the south, was the worst since nationwide stoppages which severely disrupted Poland in 1980.

The diplomats said fewer people

Indian pushes ahead with record bid

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuters): A millionaire Indian businessman attempting to break the record for a microlight aircraft flight from Britain to India headed for southern Italy today after stopping to mend a broken exhaust pipe, organisers said.

Organisers said Vijay Singhania, 49, who took off from outside London on Thursday, was trying to reach Bombay in 23 days to beat the record of 34 days for the 6,000-mile (9,600 km) flight set by British journalist Brian Milton in January.

On the latest leg Singhania was flying to Brindisi, where he was to pick up an escorting aeroplane to accompany his 21-foot (seven-metre) microlight across the Mediterranean to Greece.

He spent yesterday resting in northeastern Italy while his mechanic welded the microlight's fractured exhaust pipe.

Pakistan denies rumours of military takeover

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the riddle of Wednesday's disaster.

Authorities who believe the crash that killed the 64-year-old President was sabotage, have interrogated more than 700 people, including military personnel, the sources said.

More than 80 are still being held, including airport security staff and cargo handlers. It is not known if any of those still being held are from the armed forces.

Flight path

Investigators have flown C-130 from the eastern town of Bahawalpur on the flight path taken by Zia's plane before it crashed seven minutes into its

journey.

The sources said the aim was to piece together a minute-by-minute reconstruction of the flight. The investigators' plane circled the crash site repeatedly.

Zia had flown unannounced to Bahawalpur with Army generals and Ambassador Arnold Raphael to see a demonstration of the US Abrams M-1 tank, which Washington wants Pakistan to buy.

Leaked

Some interrogations had centred on whether news of the private visit had leaked and if so who was responsible.

Investigators have visited Karachi, the eastern towns of Multan, Mirpur-Khas and Bahawalpur, the central city of Lahore, Peshawar in the northwest and Quetta in the west to conduct the questioning, the sources said.

One theory investigators are pursuing is that a bomb was concealed among 20 crates of mangoes placed aboard the plane at Bahawalpur.

Zia's son, Ejaz-ut-Haq, said today the family had no plans to play a political role after the death of his father.

Ejaz also told a news conference his father had shrugged off threats to his life because of his strong Islamic faith.

"We have nothing to do with politics," said Ejaz, 36, a Bank of America official based in Bahrain.

Palestinian leader held up

TUNIS, Aug 22, (Reuters): Yasir Arafat, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) executive committee, has been held up in Damascus for several days and his office in Tunis has had no news of him.

Abed Rahbo, who represents the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) on the committee, was unable to leave the Syrian capital at the end of last week to attend a committee meeting in Tunis. PLO sources told Reuters.

Benazir confident

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tenth the size of a PPP rally," she claimed.

In another interview with the Washington Post Benazir declined to rule out sabotage, which it is widely speculated caused the plane crash in which Zia died. And she expressed confidence that since the US was helping investigate, "We're sure it's not going to be covered up."

She did not explain why she felt this was so.

OBITUARY

The body of MRS. VIJAYALAKSHMI WARRIOR who expired on 21.8.88 will be flown to India today at 9.00 pm. Body can be seen at the Sahab Hospital morgue between 9.00 and 10.00 am.

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West Bank city under curfew

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Aug 22, (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and wounded nine Palestinians today during a general strike in the occupied territories and clamped a curfew on 120,000 residents around Nablus, the largest Arab city in the West Bank.

The Army imposed the curfew, confining residents to their homes, after troops shot and killed a Palestinian at Askar camp in the Nablus area overnight.

Troops wounded three Palestinians in separate clashes at Tulkarm refugee camp, Zawiyeh village and Kalkilya in the West Bank, hospital officials and security sources said.

Palestinians said a Jewish

civilian shot a 16-year-old after youths stoned a bus outside Nur Shams camp near Tulkarm.

In the occupied Gaza Strip, troops shot and lightly wounded five Palestinians during clashes with stone-throwers in Jabalya, Beit Hanoun and Shati refugee camps, a spokesman at Gaza's hospital said.

Palestinians said Ahmed Mohamed Sharouni, 22, whose death hospital officials attributed to wounds in the chest and back, had been shot without provocation by plain-clothed Israelis who came to the camp to make arrests.

The Army, which said it was investigating the cause of the shooting, imposed the curfew to

prevent protests after the incident and during a strike called by underground leaders of the uprising in the occupied territories.

Tulkarm and Al Amri camps in the West Bank and Al Bureij camp in Gaza were also under curfew, the Army said.

At least 263 Palestinians and four Israelis have died in the eight-month-old uprising.

In Jerusalem and Ramallah, Palestinians observed a full strike. Traffic was very light, shops were shuttered and few Palestinians went to work in Israel.

Leaders of the uprising have urged Palestinians not to pay Israeli taxes.

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Gurkha group signs accord to end separation demand

NEW DELHI, Aug 22, (UPI): A militant Gurkha group signed an agreement today to end two years of violent agitation that left at least 300 people dead in the hilly region of northeastern West Bengal state, an official said.

Krishna Rao, the Home Ministry spokesman, said the agreement requires members of the militant Gurkha National Liberation Front, known by its acronym GNLF, to drop its demand for a separate state, end agitation, surrender arms and cooperate with the state government.

In return, the pact provides for limited autonomy for Darjeeling hill areas, 1,180 km east of New Delhi.

Signing

The GNLF began agitating in 1986 for "Gurkhaland" to be carved out of Darjeeling hill areas of West Bengal and parts of neighbouring Assam state, where Nepali-speaking Gurkhas are predominant.

A tentative agreement was reached July 25 to end the insurgency but a formal agreement was held up by minor legal differences.

"These differences have now been sorted out," said another Indian official in New Delhi.

GNLF's leader, Suhash Ghis-

Hopes rise for return of Marcos

MANILA, Aug 22, (AP): President Corazon Aquino's chief aide declared today the government was stable enough to permit Ferdinand Marcos to return.

Presidential executive secretary Catalino Macaraig told reporters the government was confident it could handle any threats that might emerge if Marcos came home from exile in Hawaii.

"I think the President is confident that the government can cope with whatever events might be triggered by the return of Marcos," Macaraig said.

Mrs Aquino had ruled out Marcos coming home from Hawaii where he fled after the 1986 uprising that toppled his administration and propelled her to the presidency.

But the possibility of Marcos return surfaced last week when an anti-graft court ruled that the ousted president had the right to be present during a deposition of a former cabinet minister set for November.

Former Public Works Secretary Baltazar Aquino, who is not related to President Aquino, is to testify about alleged irregularities in contracts to Japanese firms under the Marcos administration.

Marcos, who is a lawyer, said in Honolulu he would seek to



Marcos: return

return to Manila and conduct his own defense.

Macaraig said the government still opposed Marcos' return but that it would bow to the courts if they ruled unequivocally that his presence was necessary in legal proceedings.

The executive secretary said Swiss authorities in particular were worried that Marcos be accorded due process. Marcos is believed to have stashed millions in secret Swiss bank accounts, and Swiss officials have been reluctant to lift secrecy laws unless the former President's rights are protected.

In a speech on Sunday, Mrs Aquino promised to remain in office until her term expires in 1992 because she had a covenant with Filipino people and "a contract with God."

Mrs Aquino did not refer directly to the Aug 13 demand by Vice-President Salvador Laurel that she step down and call new presidential elections.

Tribal slaughter has been going on for more than a week in

Army gunships fire at fleeing refugees

5,000 tribesmen die in Burundi massacre

NAIROBI, Aug 22, (Agencies): The Burundi government told diplomats today some 5,000 people died in bloody tribal clashes last week in the impoverished Central African nation.

According to first estimates by rescue teams the loss of lives was approximately 5,000," Burundi's Foreign Minister Cyprien Mbomimpa told diplomats today in the country's capital of Bujumbura.

A diplomat contacted by telephone from Nairobi said the minister assured foreign envoys the situation had largely returned to normal after four days of clashes in the north of the country that started on Aug 14.

The minister said there was however still sporadic resistance on the part of the rebels.

Mbomimpa said the government was convinced the clashes were the work of a small group of Burundi refugees living abroad whose objective was to provoke the government.

But refugees said Burundi's armed forces, bringing 20th century weaponry to an ancient feud, have used helicopters to gun down peasants fleeing from tribal massacres.

Tribal slaughter has been

strict to a meeting on Wednesday to stay away but watched from a safe distance while a large crowd of Hutu gathered at the local government headquarters.

"The soldiers opened fire on the crowd," he said. "Helicopters pursued and gunned down people who tried to escape."

Rwandan Army officers at the border have also reported seeing helicopters flying over the killing fields in adjoining areas of Burundi and refugees report both helicopters and armoured personnel carriers being used in the massacres.

According to The Military Balance, an annual handbook published in London by the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Burundi's 7,300-man Army possesses five French-made helicopters — two Gazelles and three Alouettes — and 29 armoured personnel carriers.

The Tutsi, a cattle-herding people, have lorded over Hutu farmers in the fertile, well-watered lands at the northern end of Lake Tanganyika since pre-colonial times. Rwanda has a similar tribal make-up but the Rwandan Hutu overthrew Tutsi domination at the end of Belgium's colonial rule.

Last Emperor opens in Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 22, (AP): "The Last Emperor" opened in Beijing yesterday to sell-out crowds, but reaction among the all-Chinese audience to the Oscar-winning movie was less than enthusiastic.

The historical drama of the life of China's last emperor, Henry Pu Yi, will officially premiere Sept 27 in Beijing. Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci, the film's two producers, and John Lone, who played Pu Yi, will be invited.

Two Beijing theaters, the capital and Huadu, yesterday began showing a 10-day special run of the movie to capacity crowds.

The Chinese audiences, usually noisy during movies, were relatively quiet for most of the film.

Scenes of zealous red guard marching counter-revolutionaries through the streets during the ultra-leftist 1966-76 cultural revolution prompted a loud buzz and some laughter to pass through the theater. Some joined in with the singing and chanting.

The epic also captured Oscars in the categories of best director, actor, actress, photography, costumes, music, art design and editing.

Draft to be offered to Shamir

Palestinian state plan unveiled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 22, (AP): An American professor who wrote the original draft of a Palestinian "declaration of independence" appeared on Israeli television yesterday and said he wanted to present his ideas to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Jerome Segal, of the University of Maryland, is in Israel to participate in a symposium on the document. The document has been dubbed the "Faisal Husseini Document" because Israeli security agents found it in the files of Husseini, a Palestinian leader jailed without trial last month.

Segal said he authored the original version of the document and published it in the "East Jerusalem newspaper, Al Quds.

"It offers Israel what it has always wanted: Security, democracy and a Jewish state," Segal said.

The original draft of the

document calls for establishing a Palestinian state within the boundaries of the United Nations partition plan of 1947. But those boundaries include much of pre-1967 Israel, that is why document created provoked anger and fear in Israel.

Opening

But Segal said the partition boundaries are only an "opening position for negotiations."

"This is the Middle East," he said. "The 1943 boundaries are just an opening position."

Segal said he has discussed the document with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and with US administration officials, and hoped to present it to hard-line Prime Minister Shamir.

"I told Shamir I will refuse to talk to me. I hope he'll reconsider," Segal said.

Although Segal claims to have written the original draft of the document, several versions emerged after it was studied and modified by Palestinians in the

territories. One version, for example, called for declaring a state only in the occupied territories, leaving pre-1967 Israel intact.

The general idea, however, is that the Palestinians would declare a state unilaterally and governing themselves.

Israeli officials dismissed the document when it was made public earlier this month, saying it was "not serious."

But Segal said Palestinians, including Arafat, have given serious thought to the plan. He said Arafat opposes elements that call for the PLO to abandon terrorism, and to "unilaterally declare they're at peace with Israel and say they're ready to be a demilitarized state."

Segal urged Israel to think ahead and formulate a response to the Palestinians' declaration of a state, which he predicted would be the next step of their liberation movement.

Korean talks fail to make headway

PANMUNJOM, Aug 22, (Reuters): North and South Korea failed once again today to make headway in arranging full political talks on reunifying the divided peninsula.

The two five-man parliamentary delegations held a third round of preliminary talks which lasted nearly 2 1/2 hours, but it was unclear when and if the contacts would resume.

The South had proposed a separate meeting just between the two chief delegates, but the North did not respond.

"We don't know whether the North broke off the talks or will come to the table again," a South Korean spokesman said.

Earlier, North Korea rejected a South Korean offer for special talks in the Northern capital Pyongyang to settle a dispute over next month's Olympic Games.

The North Korean delegate made it clear they will oppose the southern proposal to convene the talks in Pyongyang next week, a South Korean spokesman told reporters. The North has demanded, under threat of boycotting next month's Seoul Olympics, the right to co-host the event.

"It seems that the South Korean government is still not a democracy."

Kandahar likely to fall soon

Rebels capture key Afghan base

ISLAMABAD, Aug 22, (Reuters): Afghan rebels have captured an important Army base near the southern city of Kandahar after a three-month battle, rebel sources in Pakistan said.

The rebels took the Baba Wali base in the Arghandab mountains eight km north of the city on Saturday morning, capturing six tanks and nearly 300 light and heavy guns, they said.

The sources said the rebel victory had brought the fall of Kandahar closer.

The Western-backed rebels are now in shelling distance of the corps headquarters in the former capital — the biggest city in southern Afghanistan.

Soviet forces pulled out of Kandahar earlier this month as part of their nine-month withdraw-

al from Afghanistan due to be completed in February.

Kandahar Radio said yesterday that 40 guerrillas were killed and a rebel arms dump destroyed in a clash in Kandahar province but gave no other details.

The rebel sources said fighting over Baba Wali had been going on for three months. During that time 185 guerrillas had been killed and 300 injured.

Lucky star

Afghanistan said today Muslim guerrillas had lost their lucky star with President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's death and they had reason to be worried.

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'It's just quiet on both sides'

UN observers stretched thin

QORATU, Iraq, Aug 22. (Agencies): Nothing disturbed the silence as two United Nations military observers gazed across rocky, sunbaked hillsides at Iran-Iraq lines a few kilometres (miles) from the deserted Iraqi village of Qoratu.

"It's just quiet on both sides. Nothing has happened yet," blue-bereted Norwegian captain Arne Ophus told reporters. "As you see, we are even wearing our helmets. But they are in the car if we need them."

Stationed
He and his Malaysian colleague, Major Shahrir Bin Abdul-Malik, are stationed in the central sector of the Iran-Iraq war front where a UN-sponsored ceasefire silenced the guns after eight years of fighting.

At the nearby border town of Khanqin a coffee-shop owner said residents had started to filter back in their shell-shattered houses over the past few days.

"Even those who left before the shelling are coming back," he said.

The UN team's Yugoslav commander, Major-General Slavko Jovic, said in Baghdad that the ceasefire which took effect at 0300 GMT on Saturday was holding.

"The ceasefire is operational," Jovic said. His officers were investigating an Iraqi charge, denied by Teheran, that an Iranian sniper shot dead an Iraqi soldier after the ceasefire.

The 350-man, 24-national UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG) has to keep the peace along a 1,200 km (740 mile) line running through mountains, deserts and marshes.

Ophus, 42, said the UN team was thinly stretched. "Only two of us look after a sector 140 km (90 miles) long," he said.

"I hope we can have more people at the border," Ophus said.

Seven pairs of observers from 10 nations were working in shifts around the clock to cover the frontline near Qoratu, 170 km (105 miles) northeast of Baghdad.

Apart from the sheer distances, he said, problems included language, communications and the nature of the terrain.

Men from Canada's 88th Sig-



Two UN observers, Capt. Yuzichuk of Canada (right), and Lt. Mainul of Bangladesh at the Iran-Iraq border. (Reuter wirephoto)

Squadron are struggling to set up independent communications but so far the observers are relying on radios in their vehicles, provided by the Iraqi Army.

An advance party inspected the area today and communications will be set up tomorrow," said Canadian Major Alexander Carruthers, duty officer at the town of Baqoubah, one of the UN team's three forward bases in Iraq. The others are at Basra in the south and Kirkuk in the north.

"Communications are satisfactory and improving all the time," Irish Colonel William Phillips said at UN headquarters in Baghdad. "We are in touch with the key people."

The observers' mandate under Security Council Resolution 598 is to "verify, confirm and supervise" the ceasefire and the withdrawal of opposing forces to internationally-recognised borders.

The Scandinavian officer said the biggest challenges were the sweltering heat, pushing above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Centigrade), and the threat posed by unexploded mines.

In their early patrols along the barren, ravine-cut border, Ophus said they had glimpsed Iranian troops and even UN observers on the other side of the front, although radio contact with their counterparts must be relayed through headquarters in Baghdad.

Ophus said the men made their rounds in an air-conditioned Toyota Land Cruiser and shared accommodations with Iraqi officers at an airconditioned camp building.

Stabilize

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They seemed in good spirits as they met a busload of reporters driven to an Iraqi Army camp near the border — its precise location kept secret.

The border itself remains unclear, Ophus said. Asked if he knew where it was, he said, "not at the moment. I've been, but they don't have any markers where the international border should be ... and I don't have any proper maps."

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Number of Kuwaiti employees increases

By Abdul Karim Kazem

ABDUL AZIZ AL ZABEN, the undersecretary of the Civil Service Commission, said yesterday that the policy of replacing expatriates with Kuwaiti manpower has achieved good results.

The policy has increased the number of Kuwaitis employed and tipped the balance of the Kuwaiti-expatriate ratio in Kuwait's favour.

Balanced

Al Zaben said that the newly-established youths qualifying and workforce planning office will work out rules and conditions to guarantee a balanced distribution of Kuwaiti manpower in the various economic sectors.

He also said that office procedures will be improved, but said it is still too early to accurately evaluate the functioning of the office.

He emphasised the importance of training for employees to upgrade their performance

and noted that the government's employment policy is based on the scientific or technical standards of the graduates.

Working

Government bodies responsible for training and education, particularly the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, are working to supply the local market with qualified personnel, he said.

Al Zaben said he supports establishment of a bank of information on employees and issues relating to the Kuwaiti workforce. This will facilitate making efficient plans for employees and help authorities meet the urgent needs of the local market.

Preparations for new academic year

By Qasem Nayel

KHALED AL SAIHIM, director of Farwaniya Educational Area, has said that preparations for the coming academic year are going well.

In an interview with a local daily, he noted that a new intermediate girls school will open this year. He also pointed out that officials will hold inspection tours of all schools on the first day of term to look into any difficulties.

Al SAIHIM said that the summer vacation gave area officials the opportunity to prepare for the coming year.

A reception committee formed by the ministry, comprising of representatives from educational areas and central departments, is responsible for supplies, transportation, public services and school textbooks.

Al SAIHIM praised area administrations for their efforts to prepare for the new academic year.

Many teachers resign and transfer every year, therefore, it is necessary for officials plan ahead, he said.



An Amiri decree was issued promoting Brigadier Jaber Khaled Al Sabah to Major-General and appointing him Deputy Chief-of-Staff of the Kuwaiti Armed Forces.

The Major-General was awarded the new rank by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed (left) at his office yesterday.

Jaber Khaled had been Assistant Chief-of-Staff for military intelligence affairs.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received Brazil's ambassador, who is returning at the end of his tenure.

HH the Amir will today receive the credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of Austria and France to Kuwait.

Hussein ends talks with Sheikh Zayed

ABU DHABI, Aug 22. (AP): King Hussein of Jordan left Abu Dhabi today after official talks with the United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan that dealt with the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

King Hussein, who arrived yesterday, returned home after talks with Sheikh Zayed on the latest developments in the Gulf and Middle East problem, following the Gulf war ceasefire and the Jordanian decision to cut ties

with the West Bank," the official Emirates News Agency WAM said.

The agency quoted an unidentified official who said "the two leaders hope the recent development in the Gulf will lead to peace and stability and brotherly co-operation among the Gulf countries."

Sheikh Zayed, who enjoys good ties with Iran, has been a major actor in the efforts to convince the Persian state to accept a peaceful end to the eight-year-old war with Iraq. King Hussein has a close friendship with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The UN-organised ceasefire between the two northern Gulf foes started Saturday, and peace talks are to begin in Geneva on Thursday.

Arab League team in Beijing

BEIJING, Aug 22. (AP): A seven member delegation from the Arab League arrived today to discuss implementation of a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The delegation is led by Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and includes Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hamadi, it said.

Sheikh Sabah told Xinhua upon his arrival that he hoped there would be lasting and all-round peace between Iran and Iraq and the whole Gulf region. The UN-administered ceasefire went into effect Aug 20.

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No obstacles in receiving maids

THE controller of Kuwait International Airport, Adel Al Misailem, has denied that there are any obstacles preventing citizens from receiving their maids and servants at the airport.

Domestic staff coming to Kuwait for the first time are required to follow routine procedures, which take time to carry out, he said.

Sacrificial meat

A LOCAL daily reported that 8,750 people received the meat of animals sacrificed during the last Eid Al Adha and distributed by Zakat House.

It added that Zakat House's distribution centres received about 463 sacrifices from citizens and expatriates.

The meat was distributed quickly and efficiently in refrigerated vehicles jointly provided by Zakat House and the Municipality through centres in Keifan, Farwaniya, Fahheel, Jahra and Hawalli.

Complicate

Some citizens complicate matters by not collecting their maids and servants, who then have to be sent to the airport hotel, at the expense of their employers, he said.

If the servants are not collected within 24 hours, they are referred to the Immigration Department of the Ministry of the Interior. Then they are either handed over to their employers or deported.

On other matters relating to

visas

Al Misailem also pointed out that passengers leaving the country do not face any problems or delays, provided that they have obtained entry visas for the countries they are travelling to. If the visa is not stamped, passengers must present a telex to prove that the visa will be given on arrival in the country concerned.

Additionally, passengers should sign a pledge to bear all costs if they are refused entry, he said.

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the airport, Al Misailem said a tariff board displaying airport taxi prices has been approved by airport authorities and taxi owners.

Observers will supervise taxis to prevent passengers from being exploited. Each taxi driver has a special file at the airport so he can be recognised and called if there is a problem.

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V divorce lawyer a romantic at heart

Frank Durham

takes only a quick visit to his dressing-room and a 15-minute trip through the Hollywood traffic to transform spiv, womanising L.A. Law divorce lawyer Arnie Becker to laid-back, philosophical or Corbin Bernsen.

But, as 34-year-old Corbin axed in the canvas chair opposite me, sipping coffee in a plastic cup, his thoughts lingered on the subject of divorce. And on the warmer tones of love and marriage.

For, at the present happy stage of his life, Corbin Bernsen is in an even better position than Arnie Becker to give an expert opinion on all three.

And this is the blond six-footer, who has shot to fame in art suits and legal briefs, decided to do. With the occasional comparison between his view and that of Arnie.

Take romance first. Corbin said. And the softness that suddenly tempered those tanned and rugged looks betrayed the fact that his heart has been the object of romantic fancy. Or, the police would say, "It is stolen."

Corbin described the lady he has him falling, tousled over marathon-runner's legs, in love as "one special". And when I met her two days later, I could see just what meant. English actress Linda Potts, of TV's *Max* fame was not only stunningly lovely but obviously sharply intelligent it.

And a girl who is all things right and beautiful is somebody Corbin finds less than irresistible. He has gone on record, after a meeting of their hearts and minds at a night club, to say that he was more attracted by Amanda's independence than her beauty.

He said stoutly: "I like a woman who stands up for herself and who has her own

ideas." And what of marriage? Corbin explained with something of a lawyer's caution: "I don't know what's going to happen. Maybe by the end of the year we'll be married."

"Nothing is written in stone. But we will be married some day."

Marriage is something Corbin has sampled fairly recently. His three-year marriage to New York actress Brenda Cooper ended just as Corbin was beginning to practise divorce law on television. The hit programme is now going into its third season. But there were no court-room dramas, Corbin told me, when he and Brenda went their separate ways. No Arnie Becker fireworks. More a form-filling and filing affair.

He told me: "I wouldn't have hired an Arnie, and I'm glad that Brenda didn't, either."

"My divorce was just paperwork. It was done by a friend. Brenda and I agreed to just drop in the papers and do it. We don't have children, so we didn't have that complication. But there was emotional stuff involved. After all, you realise you are severing a tie."

After the split, Corbin said wryly: "Here I was playing a divorce lawyer and going through a divorce. Friends warned me I'd better be careful because I was on a bit show. But it wasn't like that. Brenda has been invaluable to me."

Lividous

He told me: "What are my feelings on marriage? I'm a bit of a romantic. An idealist. I would love to think that it can work just the once. It sometimes does."

"And, by the way, I feel that Arnie thinks the same way. It is a business for him. But I don't think he's ever encouraged a break-up."

"The fact is that, sometimes a marriage isn't going to work because people and circumstances have changed. And divorce is a nifty device to help for long."

"But what creates the drama surrounding Arnie is his per-

sonal conflict. Underneath, he is an idealist. Sometimes his two worlds collide when this side of him comes into contact with his outer life as a womaniser and rat. It's his vulnerability that makes him such a hard-arse."

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Intelligent

Why is L.A. Law such a hit while glitzy soap bubbles are bursting for shows like *Dallas* and *Dynasty*? Corbin explained: "People want something more intelligent."

"This isn't so much a show

about the law as one about people. People who happen to be lawyers."

But those make-believe lawyers and their dramas are soon forgotten when Corbin flies to his retreat in the Hollywood Hills where filming is finished for the day. He is creating a nest in an old garage.

Corbin, who once made his living as a carpenter, doesn't do the hammering and sawing himself. But he is the brain behind the design ... which looks something like a high-tec studio. There is a brick patio, with a panoramic view of the Los Angeles basin.

It is an ideal place for Corbin to sit as the sun goes down, pondering on love, marriage and only make believe divorce.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

SPREAD

0200 World News
02 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrim's Progress)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 John Peel
0400 Newsdesk
30 Without Strings
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 The World Today
0600 Newsdesk
30 Hitting the High Notes
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary

30, The Seven Ages of Shakespeare
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Health Matters
30 Beethoven
0900 World News
British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 English Songsmiths (ex 2nd Glyndebourne — The Early Years)
1000 News Summary (followed by The Pop Science Programme)
30 Sports International (ex 2nd and 9th Pilgrim's Progress)
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Waveguide (c. 9th and 30th Sportsworld contd.)

30: Citizens

1200 Radio Newark
15 Multitrack J; Top 20
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Recording of the Week (ex 9th and 30th Sportsworld)
1400 Radio Newark opening with 5-Minute News
45 Without Strings
1500 Radio Newark
15 A Jolly Good Show
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Omnibus
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Citizens
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk

30: Front Concert (ex 2nd and 9th Development '88)

English

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0803 Thoughts in Islam
0834 News
0841 Daily Programme
0900 Songs and Music
0920 Songs and Music
1000 Our Family Day
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Country Collection
1100 Closedown
Evening
2100 Opening announcement
2100 Latin Mood
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2200 Mohammad: The Light of Islam
2215 In the Groove
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Film Special
2330 Jazz Action

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 The Children's Quill
1915 Programmatic Review
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Radio Club
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Jahan Numan
2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsred
30 Beethoven
1100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Short Story
45 The Seven Ages of Shakespeare

WHAT'S ON

RTS

Kuwait Science Museum The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5pm and from 9 am on Friday.

The museum, located on 1st Gulf Street, is open from 10 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 10 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest amic art objects are on show.

The museum in Jibrayia uses a collection of Islamic s, costumes and jewellery in the Muslim world. Summ

erings are 9 am to 12 noon 14 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. Friday the museum is open in the mornings.

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ish Council Bunnies takes off on a culous romp through child's classics like Goldilocks, and the Beanstalk, etc. in *Rabbit Tales*, showing on 24, at 6:00 pm and on Aug 10 at 10:30 am.

the Assam Garden, the story relationship between a fish and an Indian woman, Deborah Kerr and Madalyn. It will be shown on 27 and 28 at 6:30 pm. It is advisable to reserve seats in advance by telephoning the ar.

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in Dance Drama The Nurturana dance group stage a number of musical e dramas, including Pandi, at the Indian Arts Cir Sept 22.

a Sporting Centre The Sporting Centre will nise an evening of games entertainment at the Tent on Sept 22, 1988. Music is provided by Top Ranks Next of Kin. Further

Country Western

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual country and western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911/ext. 2346 or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on Sept 1 at 8:30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J. D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Al Sabah, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act plays, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Paremipilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradyal 2422973.

Kuwait Malayalees

Kuwait Malayalees Onam Celebration Committee will celebrate Onam on Aug 26 from 9:00am onwards, at the Indian Embassy auditorium, with cultural programmes, competitions, and traditional Onamada in Kerala style. For passes, please contact 2412986, 5629747, 3943662.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 11 pm; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vietnamese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shabaz barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supperclub. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gyms, sauna, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

At the Hilton La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

At the Faiilaka restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table top buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12:30 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — strawberry and chocolate cream — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10:30 am-10:45 pm.

At the Rameida

Al Bendar coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight; a la carte available. Shrimp promotion on Wednesday and Thursday, featuring a variety of shrimp delicacies.

Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open everyday 7pm to 11pm.

Take away counter, open daily 4pm to 11pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, plus fish and chips. Tea, coffee, juices, cakes and pastries are available at the Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge, open 10am to 11pm; ice-cream promotion daily.

On Thursday evenings, Le

Mirage nightclub has a barbecue and full buffet; entertainment from Al Arzz band. At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sicana's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialities on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous brunch buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations at lunch and dinner.

Arab world specialities are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarboche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

Mango promotion, featuring wide variety of mango preparations, until Aug 31.

At the Mawali Beach

Al Mubarakiya restaurant, open 24 hours, offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a variety of snacks.

At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Ice-cream festival at the International Food Arcade; light snacks also available; open 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday. The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; live entertainment provided.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Al Hamad Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahad.

Masters Bowling

The second Masters Tournament, open to both men and women, will be held on Aug 25-26 and Sept 1-2 at 300 Silver Tower (behind US embassy). The deadline for registration is Aug 23. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimhang 4843447.

Salceite United

The Salceite United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept 1. The draw will be held on Sept 2, at 9 am, at the Phoenicia hotel.

Boys' Own Club

Boys' Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

* All entries for the What's On

column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shawali. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Photocopies will not be accepted.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

DON'T be afraid to take a big step if it is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps — David Lloyd George, British statesman (1863-1945).

Businessmen hopeful

Way open for greater democracy in Pakistan

By Malcolm Davidson

KARACHI, (Reuters): Pakistani businessmen have said the death last week of President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq could open the way for moves towards greater democracy and stability.

"I was one of his staunchest supporters but I think that we were heading for a showdown," said a senior banker, who claimed his views were shared by many businessmen in Karachi, Pakistan's commercial capital.

He said Zia was plunging Pakistan deeper into political crisis and a confrontation with opposition parties seemed inevitable.

"For different reasons people think that the stumbling block has been removed," he said. "Personally, I think it was all for the good."

Settled

The banker, who asked not to be identified, and other businessmen said Zia's death in a suspicious plane crash last Wednesday opened the door for a move towards democracy.

"This country was heading for a big confrontation," said another business leader, speaking privately. "All these issues are settled by the death of Zia."

Zia, who seized power in 1977, antagonised political parties already fiercely critical of his rule by barring them from directly contesting elections set for Nov 16.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has hinted he might let them contest the polls.

Prices fell on the Karachi stock market on Sunday, the first day of trading since Zia's death, but selling pressure eased.

Mature

No stock exchange index was available because of a computer failure but 169 stocks fell and only 17 rose.

Commodities also dropped but stockbroker Fayaz Rana said he expected the markets to

Five years after Benigno Aquino's death

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By Robert H. Reid

MANILA, (UPI): Five years after Benigno Aquino's assassination, the murder remains unsolved and the late senator's goal of a peaceful, stable democracy unfulfilled in the turbulent country now governed by his widow.

On Aug 21, 1983, Aquino stepped from a China Airlines jet and was gunned down moments after returning from the United States to challenge President Ferdinand and Marcos for leadership of the Philippines.

The killing outraged the nation and emboldened a fragmented opposition paving the way for the uprising that toppled Marcos and propelled the senator's widow, Corazon Aquino, to the presidency on Feb 25, 1986.

Now, statues of "Ninoy", the senator's nickname, stand in major cities, and the airport where he died bears his name.

But the trial of 40 defendants charged in the assassination dragged on nearly 16 months after it began, bogged down in a complex legal system.

Retrial

In September 1986, the supreme court voided acquittals handed down by Marcos-era tribunal and ordered a retrial. The slow pace of the trial typifies the unfinished agenda of an administration that arose after the Aquino slaying.

Political turbulence, which made such a killing possible, haunts the country. For many, the loyalties that Marcos' ouster alone would restore stability and prosperity have given way to frustration.

"Five years after Ninoy's death, the Cory government has become the government it warned us against," wrote columnist Conrado de Quiros in the Philippine daily *Globe*, a frequent critic of the administration.

Critics in the free-wheeling Manila press often gloss over Aquino's accomplishments, preferring instead to hold her to the idealistic promises of justice, domestic and social reform she espoused.

Despite the insurgency and

steady ahead of a two-day market holiday.

"People may hold off making long-term investment decisions until the smoke has cleared. I think that most of the businessmen will wait for the coming election on Nov 16," Rana said.

Several businessmen said the apparently smooth transition of power to Ishaq Khan was a sign of a maturity in Pakistan, which has seen three periods of martial law since independence from Britain in 1947.

In Ishaq Khan they see somebody closely aligned with Zia's pro-business economic policies and do not expect much change.

"The country has been taken over by a financial wizard in the shape of Ishaq Khan," said Tariq Saeed, president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

"I don't see any reason for apprehension as far as the economy is concerned."

Ishaq Khan was finance minister for seven years until 1985.

Acceptance

Saeed and other business leaders also said they saw little likelihood of major violence because the political parties would not want to give the Army any justification for stepping in.

They believe the Army has lost its appetite for intervention and might be ready to accept the prospect of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as prime minister.

Her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was overthrown by Zia and later convicted of murder conspiracy charges and banged.

Saeed said businessmen also seem unconcerned at the prospect of Benazir's Pakistan People's Party coming to power.

He said the party's policies of nationalisation and Pakistani-style socialism were now of the past and any future Benazir government would have to work with the private sector.

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Israelis worried

'Refuseniks' decline to perform Army duty

By George D. Moffett III

TEL AVIV: Judging by his earnest, soft-spoken manner, one would never guess that Meir Amor is considered by some to be a threat to his country.

The 34-year-old graduate student from Tel Aviv has never hijacked a plane or tossed a petrol bomb.

Instead, he is a member of the small, slowly expanding group of "refuseniks" who, since the Palestinian intifada (uprising) began eight months ago, have declined to perform Army reserve duty in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Officials worry that Israelis like Amor are compromising this tiny country's security.

But Amor wants to convey a different message: that Israel's leaders, by regarding conflict between Arabs and Jews as

inevitable, have abdicated the responsibility to find peace.

"Since the beginning of Israel, we've believed that all the world is against us. We use this to explain everything," Amor says. "Thus, we explain the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) as the latest in a long tradition of menacing forces. It takes the responsibility off your shoulders and puts it in the hand of some outside authorities."

"Many like to think war with Arabs is part of our destiny. But only God makes destiny. Humans make war and humans can make peace."

Protest

Amor several months ago joined Yesha Gvul (translation: "There is a limit"), a protest movement of Army Reservists. "When I was 21 I thought it was very important to stay in the Army. It was a way of fulfilling

something meaningful for myself and my country."

From 1973 to 1979 Amor served in the prestigious Golani Brigade, eventually becoming company commander with the rank of captain. In 1978 and later during the Lebanon war, he made several forays with his unit into Lebanon. It was there that he began to have second thoughts about the wisdom of Israel's military policy.

As he listened to the early morning call to prayer by the local Muslim muezzin and watched from his guard tower as the nearby villages in the northern Bekaa Valley came to life in the winter darkness in 1983, he had a sudden sense of not belonging.

"I was watching a different world awake," recalls the Tel Aviv University sociology major. "I suddenly thought, 'These people don't belong to us. What am I doing here? Our

security interests aren't involved here.'"

Later, when Army Reserve duty meant suppressing the Palestinian uprising, he became a "refusenik." In February, he declined to serve with his unit, which was assigned to the West Bank. Following a perfunctory "summary trial" before his commanding officer, he was sentenced to 21 days in an Israeli jail for refusing to obey orders.

Declined

Amor was born in Israel five months after his parents emigrated from Morocco. As one of nearly 2 million Sephardic or Oriental Jews who, for years, have made up the Israeli underclass, Amor says, it was easier for him, if not for other Oriental Jews, to comprehend the impulse behind the uprising most of his countrymen regard as an abracart, dark force.

Amor says his decision not to serve in the territories has drawn an uncomprehending response from some members of his family.

As the only "sabra," or Israeli-born, child in a family of six, he says he has felt special pressure to assimilate, to prove that an "Arab Jew," as he calls himself, can "make it" in Israeli society. By choosing not to serve, Amor

has resurrected the very separateness many Sephardic Jews have tried so hard to erase.

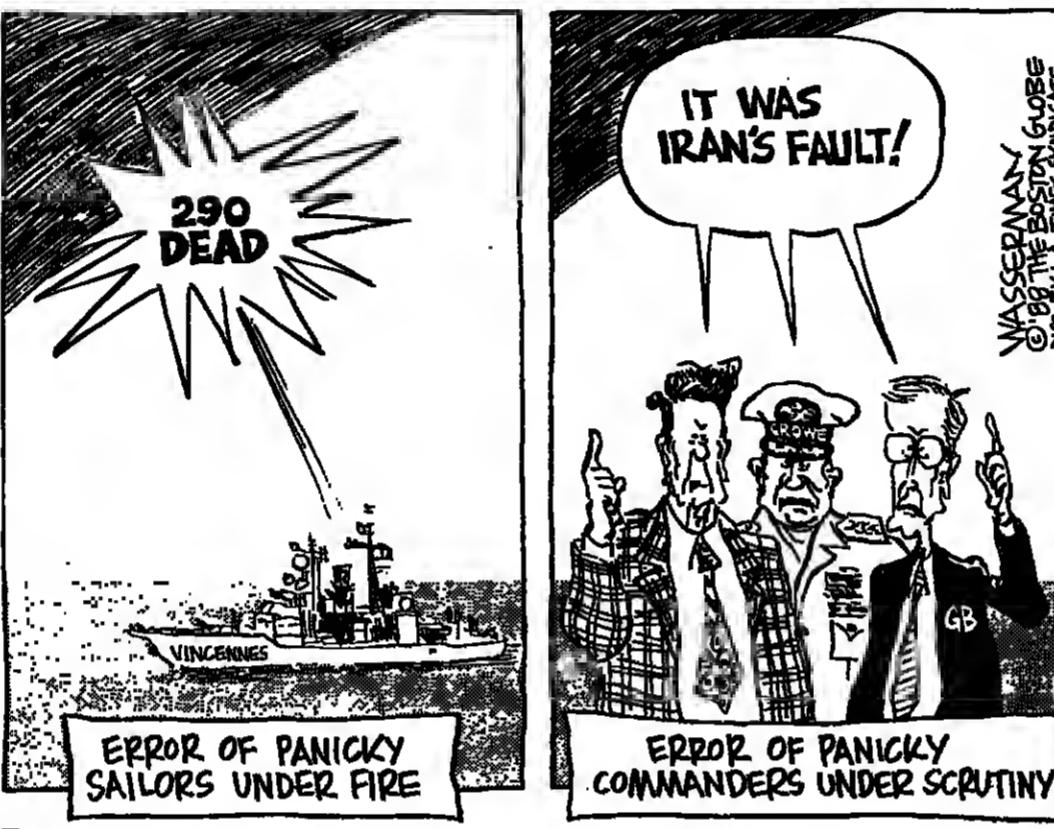
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"As an officer and a university graduate, I've successfully integrated. It's been hard for them to accept."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently that 120 reservists and five Army regulars have so far refused to serve in the occupied territories. Twenty-nine have been imprisoned; seven of them, including three officers, are still in jail.

In June Yesha Gvul published the names of 600 members, all Army Reservists, who have refused to take part in suppressing the intifada. The list includes a large number of junior and non-commissioned officers, considered the backbone of any army.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



By Clifford J. Levy

Indian Marxists cling to Stalinist ideals

observer Tarun Ganguly. "They can't cope with revisionism or rehabilitation."

"The CPI (M) is pretty scared about the eventual fallout of glasnost," said another expert, Manash Ghosh. "It might rock the Indian Communists pretty badly. They don't want things to be so open."

Dialogue

The party is the product of a 1964 ideological split in the Communist Party of India. In addition to controlling West Bengal as the dominant partner in a coalition, the party rules southern Kerala state.

Its view of communist history focuses on Stalin's success in saving the Soviet Union from Nazi aggression in World War II and developing socialist theories applicable to developing societies.

"Stalin was a great Marxist," said Anil Biswas, editor of the party newspaper Ganashakti. "He saved the first socialist country from fascism and imperialism and has inspired the working class movement in India."

Revisionism

Roy is a politburo member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which rules West Bengal as one of the world's few democratically elected communist governments. He is not ashamed of praising the late Soviet dictator despite condemnation of his rule by most of the communist world.

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Dishonest

It was the biggest single group of Brazilians yet caught trying to enter the United States in April. 45 Brazilian "tourists" were barred at Mexico City Airport trying to board a flight to the United States with one-way tickets.

"I'll try again if I can," said Elsa Pereira, 30, arriving at Rio de Janeiro airport from the latest group. "We did what lots of Brazilians want to do, but they don't have the courage."

Pereira worked as a domestic servant and baby minder for around \$60 a month.

"I'd rather wash plates (in the United States) and earn a decent living," she said. "In Brazil you have to be dishonest to make any

money."

There are clues to where they might be:

• This fiscal year a projected 180,000 Brazilians will receive non-immigrant visas to travel to

the United States, a level well above regular years.

• Polls last year showed that one in four Brazilians wished he had been born in another country, and one in three was thinking of emigrating. The United States was by far the preferred option.

Italy, Japan, Switzerland and Portugal were other favoured destinations.

A survey by the Folha de São Paulo newspaper found Brazilians working illegally in New York as shoe-shiners, corpse washers, taxi drivers, dish washers, maid and bricklayers. They were earning up to \$3,000 a month, 20 to 50 times the amount these jobs pay in Brazil. US living costs are higher but the bottom line is still worthwhile.

Many Brazilians now leaving are the young doctors, engineers and computer specialists the developing nation needs to keep.

It's a new phenomena.

Brazil, with a population of 143 million, is traditionally a land of immigrants, not emigrants. Brazilians have long boasted that their country, emerging as the world's 10th biggest economy, is "the land of the future."

Even during the 1964-85 military dictatorship there was no great outflow, apart from a few thousand political exiles. But then the economy was booming. Now prices rise one per cent a day. Industry is slumping.

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umerica's second lady, wife and mother first

Baker

RELEANS, (Reuters): Mrs. Bush's wife says her role as wife is all-important — remain so even if a victory in November sees her into the White

house. That is why Mrs. Bush is philosophical when asked about the future, saying as forward to a "wonderful" way — as wife American president home in retirement

lady or not. Barbara sees no need for a

ve. "I'd hope to be and mother I've always said Mrs. Bush, a 63-year-old mother of five and other of 10, when asked about her role.

Asked why in 1970 she stopped colouring her hair, which turned white at 35, Mrs. Bush said:

"Because I think there are two things that are really bor-

ing. Hair and feet. And I don't spend a lot of time on either one of them. I do my own hair. When I used to dye my hair you couldn't run your hand through it. I mean there were all sorts of problems. It turned green in the sun," she told a newspaper.

In an interview two years ago, however, she admitted there was a problem. "The truth is, I wish I hadn't let my hair go white. It makes me look older than George," she said.

Barbara Bush may be insecure about her appearance but she has no such qualms when it comes to speaking her mind.

At times, it raises eyebrows. During the 1984 campaign, for example, she described Geraldine Ferraro, the democratic vice-presidential nominee, as a "four-million-dollar... I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

And commenting on public affection between democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and his wife, Kitty, Mrs. Bush told ABC news she disliked "faking it".

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She is equally outspoken when it comes to extolling her husband's virtues.

Asked whether she thought he would make a good president, she said: "You bet he would. The very best. He's the strongest, wisest, most experienced, most caring man ever to run for the office."

The adoration appears to be mutual — although, unlike the Reagans, they are not demonstrative in public. Bush says marrying her was "the thing I did right."

Policy

"I have, as all of you who know her now, been lucky in a mate," Bush told a Dallas audience in a campaign speech in July. "Barbara and I met at a dance. I was 18, she was 17."

"Usually you devote your teenage years to doing things wrong, but Barbara's the thing I did right," he said.

Mrs. Bush, in her written answers, acknowledged she discusses policy issues with George, but added, "I don't give him advice. He has lots of genuine

experts to give him that."

An avid campaigner — either with Bush or other family members or alone — Mrs. Bush has a few agenda items of her own she says she would expand as first lady.

"I would continue to work for a more literate America and I would like to broaden my focus to our nation's children," she said.

Mrs. Bush has made the fight against illiteracy a major focus of her eight years as second lady. Her interest in literacy problems was sparked by discovery that son Neil was dyslexic.

She works with several groups promoting reading and is an active crusader against cancer — a quest that began with the death of one of her six children, daughter Robin, from leukemia at the age of three.

Their other children are George Jr., 42, Jeb, 35, Neil, 33, Marvin, 31, and Dorothy, 29. All are married and they have presented the Bushes with 10 grandchildren.

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Dowry was established thousands of years ago as a means of providing women with financial security when they married into a new family.

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remains rampant because of the social stigma of having an unmarried daughter.

The typical dowry price paid by a middle class family in New Delhi is about Rs 100,000 (\$7,200), in cash and goods such as refrigerators, video recorders and motor scooters.

For this largesse, an Indian man will agree to marry. However, his demands often do not cease after the wedding. And if the wife's family is unwilling or unable to meet these requests, the husband often concludes the only way to a larger dowry is a new spouse.

In a country where marriage severs a woman from her family and a divorced or separated female is scorned as a fallen woman, a wife usually suffers any abuse from her husband or in-laws in silence.

"Some investigators have shown that even before the crime was committed, the woman complained to their parents and fled back home," Nayar said. "But they're sent right back, for fear of public shame."

The legal system also has proven inadequate in combating dowry-related fatalities. Activists estimate less than 10 per cent of them are investigated. Prosecutions are even rarer.

"Because cases are within the privacy of the family, it is next to impossible to collect evidence," said Vilma Mehra, Crimes Against Women director. "Everybody is reticent to talk, both the family and friends and neighbours."

Human rights workers and local authorities have created sanctuaries for potential victims and begun education campaigns. Instead of stemming fatalities, the programmes have only led to an increase in reported cases.

Women are becoming more knowledgeable about their rights, but activists say dowry deaths will plague Indian society until women are given greater work opportunities to break their economic reliance upon men.

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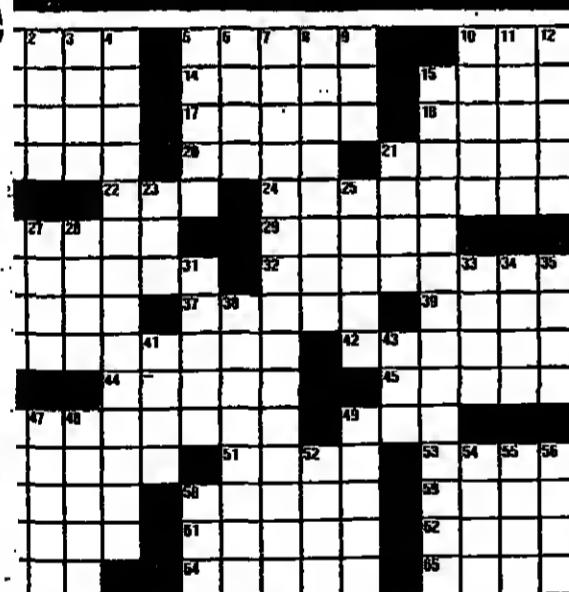
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ODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

THE ENDPLAY'S THE THING

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ A Q 7 6 2
♦ 7 5
♦ A K Q 10 9
♦ 8

WEST
♦ J 10 9 4
♦ 9
♦ J 5
♦ A J 10 9 4 2 ♦ Q 7

EAST
♦ K 5
♦ K J 4 2
♦ 8 7 6 4 2
♦ K 6 5 3

SOUTH
♦ 8 3
♦ A Q 10 8 6 3
♦ 3
♦ K 6 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

We came across this rather amusing hand while indulging in our favorite pastime — a game of rubber bridge at the club. It provides no major lesson except that, when you know where you want to play the hand, get there as expeditiously as possible.

North-South were using weak two-bids. North was full value for his jump to game. An eight-card fit is the required minimum for play at

THE WIZARD OF ID

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP, LITTLE GIRL?

I WANT TO GO INTO A FIELD WHERE WOMEN EXCEL

WHY DON'T YOU BECOME A WITCH?

WHAT'S THIS?

A MUD PACK. IT TONES THE SKIN.

IF IT WORKS, I PLAN TO DO MY ENTIRE BODY EVERY DAY.

ENJOY YOURSELF, PAL... THAT STUFF IS GOING TO BE VERY SCARCE REAL SOON.

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to get a lot done only you must not be too impetuous. Keep your wits very much about you. Make sure the information on which you intend to act is up-to-date. Be prompt.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have some good ideas but others may not understand what you have in mind. Never mind, you will be able to make use of some of them. You should not lose sight of your objectives. Be patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is going to be a most busy day for you so do not allow your attention to stray. You will tend to get tired rather easily and should try to conserve your energies. You will not have much difficulty dealing with your obstacles.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should use a little more commonsense and show much more goodwill towards others. You will have some personal success but must not allow it to go to your head. Spend less time on the phone. Be sensible.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

This is going to be a good day for you only you must not act on impulse. Do not allow yourself to be sidetracked. Do not let others stand in your light. Be responsive.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not resist change but nor should you make changes just for the sake of change. You will have a better idea of what needs to be done. You will be able to take a more positive approach. Be reasonable.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will have some success with something you have set out to do, but not as much as you had hoped you would. You should not allow your emotions to run away with you. Make sure you take greater care whilst driving.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to do something to improve your financial state. You should not place too much reliance on others nor should you let anyone down. Do not rely on guesswork. Be adaptable.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have a busy day so stick to what is essential. Do not delay making up your mind. Work hard but also allow yourself enough time and energy to enjoy yourself. Be less belligerent.

By Georgina Gold

TOP beauties such as towering Texas model Jerry Hall and soap opera star Victoria Principal have more in common than good looks alone...

Alongside other famous faces like gorgeous pouting British singer Kim Wilde they know the secrets of the makeup box.

They may have been blessed with more than their fair share of natural beauty, but they have certainly learned how to make the best of themselves.

Jerry's famous cheekbones are beautifully highlighted with blusher and Kim's use of lipstick has helped her perfect her famous Bardot-esque pout.

Good news

And the good news is that with a little help and advice from the professionals you too can bring out your own natural beauty. Using the right makeup equipment and routine you can make yourself up to look like a million dollars. Knowing just what brushes to use and where can make all the difference to your appearance.

You may have given up the search for your cheekbones years ago but don't despair. While you may not — and sadly never will — have the chiselled features of top Paris models, help is at hand.

The thing to remember is the success of any makeup job depends largely on the equipment you use.

Take a tip from the experts and use only professional equipment — taking short cuts on cost will only show in the end result. Choose a selection of long handled brushes of different sizes that will stop your makeup session from becoming a hit-and-miss affair.

The best tools would be expensive if you were to rush out and buy them all at once. But if you build up your collection gradually you won't notice the cost. And they are a good investment.

Most of them are unbreakable and with regular care will last a lifetime.

Set of brushes are not really a good idea as most women use only one or two out of a pack of five or six. Buy brushes individually, choosing ones that you know you will use.

Shop around before spending your money. You could find that an artist's supplies shop has the best selection of brushes at the best price.

Whether you buy from such a shop or from a chemist or large store, make sure that your brushes are made of real hair or sable and that they are very soft.

Spatula — For taking creams and lotions out of jars and containers. It is not recommended to use your fingers for this. No matter how clean you might think your hands are, there could be germs lurking about that would introduce bacteria to the container.

How to put on your best possible face



Brush up on your techniques: using the right makeup equipment and routine can make you look good

them more prominent. Ideal for women with short or sparse lashes or for those who can't wear mascara because of allergies, the curler can also be used by mascara wearers as long as the mascara is applied after curling.

If mascara is applied before curling the curler will stick to the lashes and pull them out when it is removed.

Pencil sharpener — Many of today's eye and lip colours come in pencil form, so a sharpener is a must. A good point is necessary on all your pencils to prevent the skin from snagging and becoming irritated.

Tweezers — Keep your eyebrows in shape. Pluck a few stragglers every couple of days rather than tackling a lot every fortnight. It is less painful that way.

A spray bottle — You'll find one of these in a gardening shop as they are often used for misting house plants. Fill it with pure spring water and use it to cover your skin with a delicate mist. Used before make-up, a mist of spring water will moisturise your skin and give it a healthy glow. Used after make-up the water will set your

make-up and make it last all day.

Scarf or headband — To tie back your hair and prevent it from getting entangled in your make-up.

Tissues — Choose the soft, facial kind. Economy tissues are not economical in the long run as they contain tiny fibres which can damage fine facial skin. Use them to blot your foundation or lipstick and to remove any excess.

Plastic beaker — To stand all your brushes in.

Plastic box with compartments — To store all the other bits and pieces. Make sure that it has a close fitting lid so that dust and dirt cannot get into it.

Mirror — A fixed mirror and a hand-held one should be used when making up, the fixed mirror to view the overall effect and the hand one for close-ups.

For good results your tools must be kept immaculately clean. Dirty brushes and sponges are often the cause of infection.

Women who suffer from allergies are particularly at risk as they can reinfect themselves by using the same equipment after they have got over an attack.

The same goes for your cosmetics bag and the areas where you normally make-up. Split powder, dust and stray hairs accumulate in these areas with alarming speed and create a haven for bacteria.

Wash brushes every week with warm water and a mild soap or shampoo. Rinse thoroughly and lay on a towel to dry. Stand them in their container in a draught to air for 24 hours before use.

Wash spatula after every use if made of plastic and store in a dust-free envelope or container. If you use the wooden kind they should be thrown away after two or three uses.

Cotton buds are disposable, so don't economise. Use them once and throw them away.

Make-up sponges and puffs have a certain lifespan that cannot be exceeded. Depending on use, you could get a month or six weeks.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Just for tips

Saddam changes some of his economic policies

Businessmen seek orders for Iraqi projects

BAGHDAD, Aug 22, (AP): As Iraq prepares to rebuild after the Iran-Iraq war, companies based in Asia, West Europe and the United States are already jostling for what could be some very big business.

South Korean businessmen are pouring into Iraq's capital in hopes of winning orders for major construction projects. Japan is also expected to be particularly active in seeking business.

A recent Baghdad trade fair, 26 US firms had display stands. And several West European companies are already at work on major construction projects.

Loans

"The South Koreans have been showing vigour and determination to have the lion's share in Iraq's reconstruction effort," said a diplomat in Baghdad, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi officials have said that they would look favourably on

companies and countries that maintained business with Iraq during the Gulf war, and which agreed to defer payments and reschedule debts.

"The Koreans have maintained business with Iraq during the hard times, and deferred major loans until the war came to an end," the diplomat said. "They expect the Iraqis to reward them for their loyalty."

Several West European companies have also continued to do business with Iraq during the war.

Britain's Paterson Candy International is helping build a \$1-billion irrigation scheme west of Baghdad, and a West German-Italian irrigation consortium is building the \$1.7-billion Saddam Dam on the Euphrates river. Italy's Saipem Group has won a \$1.4-billion contract to build an oil pipeline from Iraq across Saudi Arabia.

When the war started, Iraq was investing billions of oil

dollars in an ambitious development plan that included steel, petrochemical, fertilizer and car plants and massive water, road and housing projects.

Losses

Iraq had refused to give figures on its losses in the war, either human or economic. But foreign estimates put the cost of just rebuilding the country's war-damaged transport facilities, oil installations, housing, factories, schools and hospitals at \$30

Damage to oil installations alone from bombing and shelling attacks have amounted to \$8 billion, according to an estimate by Kiyotaki Tsuji of the Japanese Institute of Middle East Economic Studies.

In recent years, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has changed some of his economic policies, pushing privatisation rather than the socialist central planning and government control that prevailed before the war.

Last week, for example, the Iraqi government said the country's seven major hotels, its biggest restaurants and other tourist facilities will be sold off or leased to the private sector.

Contractors

South Korean corporations were the prime contractors for many of Iraq's suspended projects, including power plants, refineries, highways, pipelines and ports. Immediately after Iraq and Iran agreed to a ceasefire after eight years of fighting, Korea's major construction companies hastily dispatched their chief executives to Baghdad.

One ghost from the war hangs around the reconstruction banquet is Iraq's foreign debt, pegged at \$60 billion. But since Iraq has oil reserves second only to Saudi Arabia's, businessmen seem ready to overlook this.

Diplomats said they expect the Iraqis to continue to defer some of their debts by seeking new

credits as they repay old ones. France, West Germany, Italy and Japan have already rescheduled billions of dollars in loans.

France

France, Iraq's second-largest arms supplier after the Soviet Union, has extended about \$5 billion in credit for weapons purchases.

Confidence

A South Korean businessman expressed confidence in Iraq's post-war economy.

"Assuming oil prices hold steady, revenues from oil are projected to reach around \$14 billion this year," he said, speaking on condition he not be identified.

"Looking further ahead, the country's revenues could be \$20 billion in the early 1990s," he said.

Japanese companies have begun lobbying for major post-war contracts, raising the prospect of very tough competition between the two Asian powers at

the same time that West European and American companies are becoming more active in the context.

The South Korean companies left their offices open in Iraq during the war and kept their equipment in the country, hoping to return and do business here.

Potential

"We have always been able to distinguish between wartime Iraq... and Iraq of the next century, with its great economic potential," the South Korean said.

US companies are seeking a big part of Iraq's reconstruction business. Washington restored financing to Iraq from its Export-Import Bank last year, after withdrawing it in 1987 when Baghdad stopped debt repayments.

US-Iraqi trade, estimated last year at more than \$700 million, is expected to swell when the fighting ends.

World Business Summary

Yugoslavia facing one of its hardest times: official

BELGRADE, Aug 22, (Reuters): The president of Yugoslavia's biggest mass political organisation has said that Yugoslavia's economic crisis would reach boiling point this autumn. "The coming autumn months will be exceptionally difficult," Bozidar Colakovic, president of the mass party Socialist Alliance, said in an interview in the daily newspaper Borba today. "Perhaps they will be the most difficult in the (Yugoslav) post-war period," he said.

Yugoslavia is in the throes of a major economic crisis, including 190 per cent inflation, a \$21 billion foreign debt and widespread strikes and street protests. The announcement by Prime Minister Branko Mikulic in May of a new austerity programme to free prices and curb wages caused huge protests.

Earlier this month petrol prices rose by 40 per cent, domestic railway fares by 70 per cent and telecommunication services by 28.1 per cent. Prices for consumer goods have been soaring daily. New labour unrest is expected in September when many Yugoslav enterprises return from vacation. The authorities are also battling nationalism, unrest among rival ethnic groups in Yugoslavia's federated republics. Colakovic said that there was no way to soften the blow for workers. Yugoslavia's many loss-making enterprises. "Those who think that appeals will be able to stop this army of the dissatisfied are living in a delusion," Colakovic said. "And their result can have unpredictable consequences. "It is beyond doubt that an all-encompassing economic reform demands great sacrifices from those who have to carry the greatest burden for the reform."

Aramco records firm growth

Riyadh, Aug 22, (OPECNA): Aramco recorded strong growth in its development of Saudi Arabia's hydrocarbon resources last year despite fluctuations in the world oil market, according to Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham M. Nazer. In a foreword to Aramco's 1987 annual report, the minister says that the company strengthened the kingdom's continued ability to meet local and international oil demand, both for the present and future. "Such achievements would not be possible without the government's sound planning and the eager co-operation of Aramco's management and personnel," he states. At the government's request, he says, Aramco last year expanded its search for hydrocarbons beyond current retained areas into concessions previously given up by the company.

Seismic crews spent much of the year working north and northwest of here and south and west of the 'Kurais' field. The company also discovered new reserves of oil and gas in known fields, he says. Among Aramco's major achievements of 1987 was the commissioning of the east-west crude oil pipeline expansion from the eastern province oilfields to the Red Sea export terminal at Yanbu. The development effectively increased the pipeline's capacity from 1.85 million to 3.2 million BPD. In addition, Aramco's capacity to produce non-associated gas rose to 1.7 billion cu. ft per day, providing eastern province industries with a steady supply of fuel gas and feedstock.

During the year, Aramco completed 26 oil wells, comprising 21 development wells and four exploratory purposes. Towards the end of the year, the company was operating four rigs for development and exploration and three for workover activities. Saudi Arabia has the world's largest reserves of crude oil, most of which is located in fields managed by Aramco. Recoverable reserves of these fields amount to a conservative estimate of 167.4 billion barrels of oil and 141.8 trillion cu. ft. of gas. The company continued its training programmes in 1987 and helped local manufacturers qualify as approved Aramco Suppliers through the provision of technical assistance and guidance.

New American president could modify Reagan farm plan

WASHINGTON, Aug 22, (Reuters): President Reagan's proposal for a world trade pact to scrap all the subsidies that nations pay their farmers is unlikely to survive intact after he leaves office next January.

That would please the European Economic Community which pays huge handouts. Nations that cannot afford to do that, and whose farmers suffer when subsidised surpluses hit world prices, may be less enthusiastic.

But trade policy analysts from both US political parties said neither George Bush nor Michael Dukakis was likely to drop a commitment at Geneva trade talks at least to cut the handouts.

"Mike Dukakis does not think the president's goal of eliminating all subsidies is realistic or desirable," said an aide to the Democratic presidential nominee.

"He does not want to abandon the American farmer in a market that is neither free nor fair," the aide said.

Subsidies

Republican Vice-President George Bush has supported Reagan in his controversial bid to dismantle farm subsidies completely.

But Bush is not expected to adhere with such tenacity to "zero-2000" — Reagan's proposal at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to lift all subsidies by the year 2000.

"Bush will probably still embrace the target and concept but negotiate to come up with something less than that," said consultant William Lester, who was an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture earlier in the Reagan administration.

"It's inconceivable that the 'zero-2000' approach can be maintained after the election," a Bush diplomat said.

The European Economic Community and the United States agreed when they launched the Uruguay round of GATT trade talks in 1986 that subsidies added to surplus production and that the cost of them swells their own budget deficits.

But the two big exporters of grain have not agreed on how far and how fast to cut subsidies and open markets.

Reagan, fearful his ultimate goal of no subsidies would be abandoned if negotiators simply tinkered with trade policies, has refused to modify it. The EEC calls it unreal and instead proposes a subsidy freeze followed by gradual cuts.

Bank loans total KD912.4m

A REPORT issued by the Savings and Credit Bank shows that loans granted to citizens last month totalled KDR4.4 million, KDR1.8 million of which were real estate loans.

The report shows the bank approved 208 real estate loans last month with a value of KDR9.7 million, which included 184 loans to build or buy new houses.

The bank also approved 289 loans totalling KDR578,000 for citizens who want to get married.

The report shows that the bank collected KDR2.7 million in loan repayments. The total amount of loans to citizens reached KDR912.4 million up to the end of July.

Interest rate fears grow

British inflation heading for 6pc level

to June.

It is the highest level since February 1986, and double the low 2.4 per cent of July and August 1986.

Prices usually fall or remain unchanged in July because of the summer sales and seasonal food costs.

In July last year the retail prices index fell 0.1 per cent, while in July 1986 prices fell 0.3 per cent.

This July's increase was due partly to higher prices for motor vehicles and insurance.

Motor tax and insurance rose by 2.5 per cent in July. Other increases included London taxi fares.

But the effect of the eight per cent increase in electricity prices and six per cent in gas prices also fed through in July. There was also a slight increase in the price of non-seasonal food, such as beer, which rose 1.6 per cent.

Sales

Summer sales, with price reductions in clothes and footware, partly offset the overall increase, as did reduced prices

for seasonal foods such as salads.

But July's figures do not include the increase in mortgage rates from about 9 3/4 to 11 1/2 per cent, caused by Chancellor Lawson's 3 1/2 per cent hike in base rate.

That should add at least another 0.7 per cent to August's index sending inflation well above five per cent.

Friday's figures from the building societies show how lending has soared this year with July's new mortgages totalling £5.43 billion compared with June's previous record of £4.92 billion.

But the value of loans promised for people who are still house-hunting fell slightly and the societies' outstanding commitments at £13.7 billion, fell for the first time since December.

There is hope, therefore, that after the rush by unwed couples to catch the Aug 1 deadline for claiming extra tax relief, demand for loans may now fall as higher mortgage rates deter borrowing.

"It is likely that this will contribute to a more moderate rate

Inflation and soaring interest rates could push US into recession

WASHINGTON, Aug 22, (AP):

The US economy is expected to remain buoyant through the Nov 8 presidential election, but inflation and rising interest rates could push the country into recession as early as next spring, some economists warn.

A few analysts are forecasting a downturn for next year, and many who aren't say it will take luck to avoid a recession.

Ironically, one of the things that has them worried is that economic growth has been so robust lately. A boom in US export sales has helped push the nation's unemployment rate down to 14-year lows.

Faster

The gross national product expanded at an annual rate of 3.1 per cent during the first six months of the year and there are indications that the economy may be growing even faster in the current July-September quarter.

This rapid growth in demand is beginning to push up against supply restraints because of tight labour markets and high operating rates in many industries.

This often translates into ris-

ing inflationary pressures as workers demand higher wages and businesses boost product prices.

To nip inflation before it gets out of hand, the Federal Reserve since late March has pushed up interest rates to dampen demand. Earlier this month, it boosted its discount rate one-half percentage point to 6.5 per cent.

An increase in the discount rate is the most dramatic signal the Central Bank can send of its inflation-fighting intentions.

That is what worries economists. Most recessions in this country are brought on by a credit squeeze. While the Central Bank doesn't set out to create a downturn, it often finds it difficult to walk the fine line between dampening demand to cool inflationary pressures and tightening so much that a new recession is triggered.

"The famous soft-landing for the economy has proven very difficult to manage in the past," said Robert Dederick, chief economist for the Northern Trust Company of Chicago.

He said that the economy has been able to avoid a recession next year and just have a slowdown, but the risk of a recession is certainly there if the Federal Reserve gets carried away with tightening.

Economists say the credit tightening so far should not cause any appreciable slowdown before the presidential election, good news for Republican presidential candidate George Bush. He hopes continued signs of prosperity will translate into votes to help him in his race against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

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Economic stability is crucial to political stability in the region, Uno said.

Japan to step up trade ties with Latin America

MEXICO CITY, Aug 22, (UPI): Japan will seek to increase its imports with Latin America to promote economic and political stability in the region, Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno said yesterday.

"Japan wants to continue with positive actions to step up imports from Latin America and in this way stabilise the region's economics," Uno said at a press conference.

Uno is on a three-day official visit to Mexico to commemorate 100 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"Japan considers it very important to align itself to the developing countries," Uno said.

He said that in the first six months of the year, Japan increased imports by 39 per cent and exports by only 17 per cent with its trading partners.

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Foreign reconstruction offers suspect: Mousavi

business worth about \$90 billion in Iraq to rebuild the damage of eight years of war.

Mousavi said his government will review major projects and would decide on them individually. "We don't want to cut ourselves off from the world, but we want to decide on the basis of our own interests," he said.

Iran shuns foreign investment, but Iranian officials have said they will consider war-time relations in awarding contracts to foreign companies.

US officials said this month that Iranian authorities had replied to an offer of talks on improved relations by raising old demands for Iranian assets blocked in the United States to be released. Both contacts were through third parties, they said.

The Teheran newspaper Ettelaat called last week for the removal of psychological and legal obstacles to contacts with the United States.

It said the break between the two countries after the 1979

Islamic revolution had aided Arabs hostile to Iran.

Meanwhile, Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh has said Iran will repair its damaged oil installations "at maximum speed" as soon as the United Nations-mediated ceasefire proves to be durable.

Speaking at a press conference in Teheran yesterday, the minister stressed that the government

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BLUE CIRC	460.0		PLESSEY	166.0	BULLOUGH	473.0 475.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
OCG	405.0		POLLY PEC	318.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
OOTC CO	225.0		RACAL	319.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
PB IND	284.0		RAND HVS	408.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
R CONN	236.0		RAND ORG	705.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
R AIRWAY	158.0		REDLAND	473.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
R AEROSP	815.0		REED	441.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
R GAS RS	185.0		RYL BK SC	355.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
R. LAND	335.0		RNC GRP	479.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
R. PP	249.0		REUTERS	485.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
R TELCOM	236.0		RTZ CORP	448.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
URWAH OL	520.0		ROLLS ROY	137.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
URTON	220.5		ROTHMAN B	137.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
ABLEMIR	389.0		ROYAL IRS	395.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
ADBURY	384.0		SABAISB	216.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
DAT'S VIT	225.0		SCOT+NEW	360.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
OMR UNI	360.0		SEARS	143.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
ONS GOLD	015.0		SEDGEWICK	235.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
OKSONS	258.0		SHELL	030.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
OURTAUL	344.0		SIEBE	378.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
ALGETY	334.0		SLOUGH ES	300.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
EE CP	173.0		AWD PLC	617.4	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
TRXNS	177.0		STC	284.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
NG CHINA	57.54		STORENSE	230.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
INTER OIL	473.0		SUN ALLIA	676.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
KI BABCK	128.0		TARMAC	243.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
ERRANTI	95.0		TATELBLE	845.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
EM ACCID	900.0		TLR WOOD	552.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
EM ELEC	161.5		TESCO	144.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
LAXO	962.0		TSB	107.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
RAMADA	298.0		T + N	181.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
LOSE	141.0		TRUSTHSE	249.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
LYNCHED	308.0		ULTRAMAR	267.5	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
RAND MET	510.0		UNILEVER	454.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
WARD RYL	184.0		UNIGATE	302.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
KOI	327.0		UTB BISC	289.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
GUINNESS	317.0		UTB NSPR	423.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
WEMERS A	624.0		WELLCOME	505.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
ANSON	142.0		WIRTB RD	300.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
ARRIS C	642.0		WILLIAMS	294.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0
WKR SID	517.0		WILLIS FB	53.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG NER	178.0 178.0
JILLSDON	287.0		WIMPEY GE	240.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INIV	138.0 138.0
CI	013.0		Woolworth	277.0	BRILLY HO	257.0 258.0	BRG INTL	229.0 228.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORO	1477.2	1484.5	1475.3	1482.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1046.2	1045.2	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	961.62	961.62	956.73	963.01
FT GOV SEC	87.82	87.96	87.78	87.92
FT GOLD MH	194.8	193.3	187.8	207.2
FT MINES F	536.39	536.39	522.35	456.65
FT OIL	1805.6	1803.6	1792.6	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	125.75	125.63	125.29	126.05
FT MLD STG	109.54	109.66	108.06	109.51
FT MLD LOC	115.56	115.48	115.42	115.44
				99.08

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS DRIFT LOWER IN LATE TRADING								
LONDON, AUG 22, REUTER - EQUITIES DRIFTED LOWER IN VERT QUIET LATE AFTERNOON TRADING AFTER WALL STREET STACED A SOMWHAT SURPRISING EARLY DOWNTURN, DEALERS SAID.								
"HOST PEOPLE EXPECTED WALL STREET TO OPEN NICHER TODAY AFTER A TICK UP IN U.S. STOCKS IN EUROPE SO THE LOMER START THERE PROMPTED US TO MARK DOWN PRICES FURHER." ONE MARKET MAKER SAID.								
VOLUME WAS A VERY LOW 167 MLN SHARES BY 1400 GMT. AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 STOOD 13.7 POINTS LOWER AT 1,830.6, DOWN FROM THE DAY								

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON - The coupons on two four-year Japanese equity warrant Eurobonds — a 50 min dlr deal for Tokyo Keiki Co. Ltd and a 50 min dlr issue for Kawashima Textile Manufacturers Ltd — have been indicated at 5-1/8 pct, lead managers said.

Bull on three other four-year equity warrant bonds — a 200 min dlr deal for Shiseido Co. Ltd, a 100 min dlr issue for Tokyo Talemco Co. Ltd and a 100 min dlr offering for Iwatai International Corp. — the coupons were indicated at 4-3/4 pct.

Market sources said the differing coupons reflected disparities in the credit quality of the borrower.

London - The 100 min dlr floating rate note for Venezuela reported previously from Caracas has now been formally launched, lead manager Samuel Montagu and Co. Ltd said. The par price issue matures in August, 1983 and has a spread of 1-7/8 pct over the six month London interbank offered rate. (RTT 0923)

London - The State Bank of South Australia is issuing a 100 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due October 3, 1981 paying 10-7/8 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager Chase Investment Bank Ltd said (RTT 0902)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 10-1/4 10	11 10-7/8	11-5/8 1/2
PFT 4.90/5.00	5.05/15	5.30/40
PAR 7-3/8 1/2	7-7/8 3-1/2	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/2	3-5/8 3-7/8
BRX 4.25	6-13/16 15/16	7-3/16 5/16
RON 10 10-1/2	10-5/8 11-1/8	11 11-1/2
ANS 1-1/2 2-1/2	5-3/8 5-1/2	5-9/16 5-11/16
TOK 3.7500 8125	3.7500 8125	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.81 7.06	7.12 7.25	7.37 7.50

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5 15/16	6-3/16
3 months	6-1/8	6-3/8
6 months	6-1/8	6-1/2
1 year	6-1/8	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	53	53	53.50	NICO	575	580	580
ACC 229	227	231	GMFC	46.50	46.50	47.50	HUKIND	84	85	87.50
ASIA PAINT 161.25	163.75	162.5	GRASIM	107	105	104.25	NOCL	500	510	500
BAJAJ AUTO 266.50	267.50	265	HIND LEVER	68	67.50	68.25	PE100	29	28.50	29.50
BAL. DYLING 111	--	--	HINDALCO	96	97	97.50	PF12	55	55	54
BR. BOND 84.50	83	85	HINDMOTOR	26.50	26.50	27.50	RAYMOND	51.50	50.50	51.75
BSE INDEX 596.43	598.49	598.49	IND DRC	25.50	25	28	RELIANCE	200	201.50	199
CENTURYSPI 902.50	925	922.50	INDRAYON	67	66.25	66.75	SIEMENS	70	69	70
COLGATE 220 223.75	222.50	220	INDROL	150	151.25	153.75	SPIC	49.75	50.50	49.75
DEEPAKFERT 35	36	37.50	ITC	43	41	40.50	STDHILLS	237.50	245	240
EI. HOTEL 50	49	50	JKTWTH	69.25	71	70.25	TATA PWR	245	222.50	227.50
ESKAYEF 117.50	120	120	L. AND T	115	116.50	115.50	TATACHEH	75	72	73
ESSAR 17.50	17.25	17.25	MAHINDRA	58.50	59	58.50	TECO	672.50	680	673.75
GAR. POLY 76	76.50	75.50	MASTERSHR	10.25	10.12	10.37	TISCO	820	828.75	825
GE. SHIP 27.25	27.62	28	MATHER PL	52	49	50	VOLTA	340	332.50	342.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1130	1120
AEG 202.4	202.5	AIJINOMOTO	2880	2900	MITSUB EL	970
ALLIANZ VR 1500.0	1500.0	AKAI ELEC	610	609	MITSUB HVY	930
BADENMARK 180.0	180.0	AKOI	928	922	MITSUI CO	875
BAASF 261.9	261.8	ASAH GLS	1870	1870	MITSUKOSHI	188
BAYER 294.4	295.0	ASAH OPT	690	690	MITSUMI EL	1080
BAYER HYP 325.5	331.5	BANK TOKYO	1570	1560	HICHICON	1390
BAYER VER 326.0	331.0	BRIDGESTON	1320	1300	NIHON CHNT	811
BBC 303.0	304.0	CANON	1600	1580	NIKKO SEC	1870
BHF 409.0	408.5	CASIO COMP	1510	1650	NIP ELEC	2210
BHU 485.0	486.5	CHIUGI PHM	1540	1560	NIP KKOKAN	687
COMMERZBK 222.0	223.0	CITIZEN H	840	845	HIP OIL	1080
CONTI GUH 241.8	243.5	D-ICHI KAN	2950	3000	HIP STEEL	727
DAINE BEN 656.5	653.0	DAI NIP IK	798	798	HIP YUSEN	753
DEUTSC BNK 457.3	460.0	DAI NIP PT	2610	2560	HISOTOR	1190
DLW 361.2	358.0	DAI NIP. SEC	1090	1110	HONKA SEC	3690
DRESDNER 253.0	254.5	DAI NIP. TO	450	620	OKRA CO	985
DT BUCH 176.0	183.0	DAICEL	875	872	OLTPHOS	1130
FAZ INDEX 482.47	487.26	DAIWA H	2110	2140	PENTA OCN	874
FELDMUELEN 273.0	274.0	DAIWA SEC	2580	2400	PIONEER	3740
GOLDSCHEID 291.0	292.2	DAIWA SEC	950	940	RICOH	1340
HARPEMER 428.0	425.0	EISAI	2020	2020	SAKYO	2050
HOECHST AG 281.0	281.8	FUJITSU	1930	1900	SANYO ELEC	720
HOESCH 158.0	159.3	FUJI BANK	3180	3140	SHISEIDO	1680
WORTEN 194.0	192.0	FUJI PHOTO	3770	3780	SHARP	1240
HUSSEL HLD 414.0	418.0	FUJISAWA	1750	1760	SHISEIDO	1700
KALI SALZ 166.0	167.0	FUJITA CP	710	710	SHISEIDO	1240
KARSTADT 400.0	400.5	HITACHI	1850	1850	SHISEIDO	1240
KAUFSTADT 343.0	343.0	HONDA MOT	2300	2290	SHISEIDO	1680
KLOECK H 140.5	141.0	ISETAN	2300	2300	SHISEIDO	1680
LINDE 689.0	689.0	ITOKO TAKO	4290	4330	SHISEIDO	1680
LUFTHANSA 134.5	134.8	JAP SYH RU	14300	14700	TAISHO MRN	1060
MAN 203.9	204.8	JAPAN MET	636	649	TAKEKI	769
HANNESMAN 174.0	174.4	KAJIMA	1390	1370	TKO NEW IX	197.37
MERCERES 519.0	518.0	KANSAI EL	3080	3090	TKO NEW IX	205.80
METALLGES 297.5	299.8	KAO SOAP	1690	1680	TOYOTA MOT	2820
HIXDORF PF 432.0	431.5	KAWASAKI H	673	677	TOYOTA ELEC	1300
NORK. HYD 59.00	59.00	KAWASAKI S	769	775	TOYOTA GAS	1310
PHILIP KOM 599.5	601.5	KIRIN BREW	1920	1930	TOYOTA PWR	5800
POSCHE 559.0	561.5	KOMATSU	777	765	TOYOTA PWR	5910
PREUSSAG 173.0	176.0	KUBATO LTD	775	758	TOSHIBA EL	1170
RHEINMETAL 215.7	215.9	KYOCERA	5900	6000	TOTO	2100
RME 231.0	230.0	NAKITA EL	1690	1680	TOTO KKOY	683
RME P 214.5	213.0	NARUI	3020	2990	TOYOTA MOT	2810
SAALAMANDER 253.0	252.0	NATSUAI EI	2820	2810	TOYOTA MOT	2810
SCHIERING 505.0	502.0	NATSUAI EL	0	2660	YAMAICHI	1830
SEL 287.0	282.0	NEJII SEIK	925	920	YAMAZAKI	1490
STENENS 428.0	429.5					
THYSEN 152.0	153.5					
VARTA 280.0	282.0					
VEB 257.2	258.5					
VEH 159.5	159.4					
VOLKSWAGEN 252.5	253.5					

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN WEAK TRADE						

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BUSINESS

Joint committee to review investment policy

Kuwait trade delegation arrives in Turkey

By Jadranka Porter

A KUWAITI delegation headed by Minister of Commerce Faisal Al Khalid arrived in Turkey yesterday for talks on economic issues that will further boost the Mediterranean country's position as one of Kuwait's increasingly eager and successful trading partners.

The two-day Kuwaiti-Turkish economic committee meeting which begins tomorrow will review Turkey's export and investment opportunities and explore co-operation in contracting services. The delegation will also visit the Izmir International Trade Fair which opens on Friday.

Turkey is hoping for a slice of the action in the reconstruction effort in post-war Iraq and Iran. During the Izmir meeting the

Turks are likely to sound out the Kuwaitis on proposals to couple the emirate's capital with their skill and manpower and tender jointly for construction work in Iran and Iraq.

Turkish officials stress that Ankara has pursued the policy of "active neutrality" during the Gulf war. The exchange of Iraqi and Iranian prisoners of war has taken place in Turkey and some of the UN personnel and equipment on its way to the Iran-Iraq border are using the Incirlik airport at Adana as a transit point.

Incentives

Fifteen Turkish officers are among the 350 men-strong UN peacekeeping force monitoring the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Turkey is also offering investment opportunities and recently introduced a set of incentives centring on tax exemption to

encourage investment in tourism, agro-industries and petrochemical industries.

The joint committee meeting will review Turkey's investment policy. An agreement is expected to be signed later this year.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development projects in Turkey will also be examined.

Goods

The meeting will be the first joint economic committee meeting since the two countries signed an agreement on economic, industrial and technical cooperation in 1982.

The Turkish export trade flourished since then, largely due to Ankara's switch to an export-oriented economy.

Turkey exported \$15.2 million in goods to Kuwait in 1979. The figure soared to \$247.4 million in 1987. The traditional exports are

fruits, vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs, but recently Turkey's glassware, textiles and furniture have been competing in quality and price with similar products from the developed countries.

Turkey imported small amount of oil from Kuwait last year and subsequently recorded a trade surplus of \$173 million.

Along with lively trade cooperation the two countries have joined hands to combat drug trafficking, have signed a military training and defence cooperation agreement and a protocol on cultural exchange.

Role

But Turkey's ambitions go beyond bilateral co-operation. Ankara plays an important role in the Organisation of Islamic Conference and seeks closer ties with its members.

Turkey has also applied for

full membership in the European Economic Community. Situated on the crossroads between East and West, Turkey purports to act as a link between the West and the Islamic world. This has been a thankless role, since some Islamic countries accuse Turkey of being too Western and its European trading partners of not being Western enough.

Bridge

Yet, according to a Turkish official, Ankara is determined to be "a bridge between the Western and Islamic worlds, not only geographically, but in a commercial sense too."

Officials in Ankara look to the year 2000 as a turning point, when Turkey will have built up its economic power and gained enough international stature to enable it to get the best of both the worlds.

Licensed exchange companies facing tough competition

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much lower rate, a group of reputable, big dealers have resorted to selling a basket of Asian currencies — Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan rupee and Bangladeshi taka — at a uniform rate.

They contend: "To survive we must play safe."

Survive

"We are facing stiff competition because some dealers are willing to sell at marginal profits," said one dealer. He feels that if the trend of "free competition" continues there is the danger of some companies going bust.

"To survive in a market, we need a certain amount of profit to avoid a degree of risk," says one exchange dealer.

"The counter rate of currencies is more or less the same. The game starts after quoting (the rate) has finished in the morning," says another.

All dealers interviewed by the Arab Times wish to remain anonymous for reasons best known to themselves.

Previously, expatriates sending remittances back home would "look for the best rate of exchange." Today, they look for "incentives."

The operative words among reputable dealers are "trust,

reliability and service." What they don't tell or admit candidly is that some ignore commission for issuing drafts to "attract a regular customer."

If we don't agree to waive the charge of the draft someone else will, says a frustrated dealer, who has at least two branches in Kuwait. To keep in the business, he claims, they sometimes waive the 400 fils commission, offer "competitive rates" (rates lower than other competitors), which depends on the amount a client is remitting. Customers also search for a dealer who takes the "lowest commission."

Afford

In the last three-and-a-half years, it has become a "buyers market," says one dealer ruefully. "If someone is remitting over KD 1,000 he can afford to pay 400 fils to us; but some don't want to," he adds.

The commission rate started at around 250 fils (one bank still charges that) and has stabilised at 400 fils. "Market forces have pushed the rates down," explained one dealer.

Such practices double the risk in an already unstable currency market, which is sensitive to every socio-political change.

Operating in a "climate of uncertainty" some exchange companies act as unofficial representatives of foreign banks.

contravening Article 3 of the 1984 ministerial ordinance. The article clearly states that "money exchange companies shall not be permitted to represent foreign banks or banking institutions in (the state of) Kuwait or carry out banking activities in favour of these banks."

Deposits

Though exchange companies don't accept cash deposits, they provide all facilities to open a non-resident account in an individual's country of origin — India, Pakistan or Bangladesh. Anyone can open an account or deposit money through the services provided by these companies.

Though dealers clamour for "regulating the money market" no one seems to offer any concrete suggestions. Some desire regulated "opening and closing hours of business," some sort of restriction on business hours and days; others seek more Central Bank control over exchange rates while others feel that the bank's existing regulatory supervision "is effective and covers" their interests.

In the interests of the public,

there seems to be a need to weed out malpractices by all licensed exchange companies, who don't guarantee the safety of funds entrusted to them by gullible customers.

Japanese major firms seek lucrative contracts in the Gulf

TOKYO, Aug 22, (KUNA):

Japan's giant companies are already vying to capture a chunk of the lucrative contracts in the Gulf region as Iran and Iraq to spend billions of dollars to rebuild their war-torn economies, industrial sources said.

The Tokyo government is also considering an aid programme to help the Gulf war belligerents, officials said.

The government wants the aid to be channelled through the United Nations, which will send a special team to Iran and Iraq to co-ordinate the aid, officials said.

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JELLINE TIPS

JUNIOR TIMES

ear Junior Readers,

we written before on the subject of being glad and grateful for what we have in life. There are, however, some people who celebrate their good fortune with pride, selfishness and unkindness. They care about what they have, but would never think of sharing it with others and are cruel and hard-hearted with people who are in a weaker position than them.

It is important to balance being happy and thankful with a feeling of sympathy for those who are without. In whatever ways others are not lucky as you, it is necessary to try to understand how they feel—try certainly do not need reminding that they do not come from a family with money or that they have physical problems.

Being lucky is not an excuse for a big head and thinking you are better than others. Remember too, that luck can change and a time may come when you yourself are in a less fortunate situation.

Mile Jayne

Happy Birthday



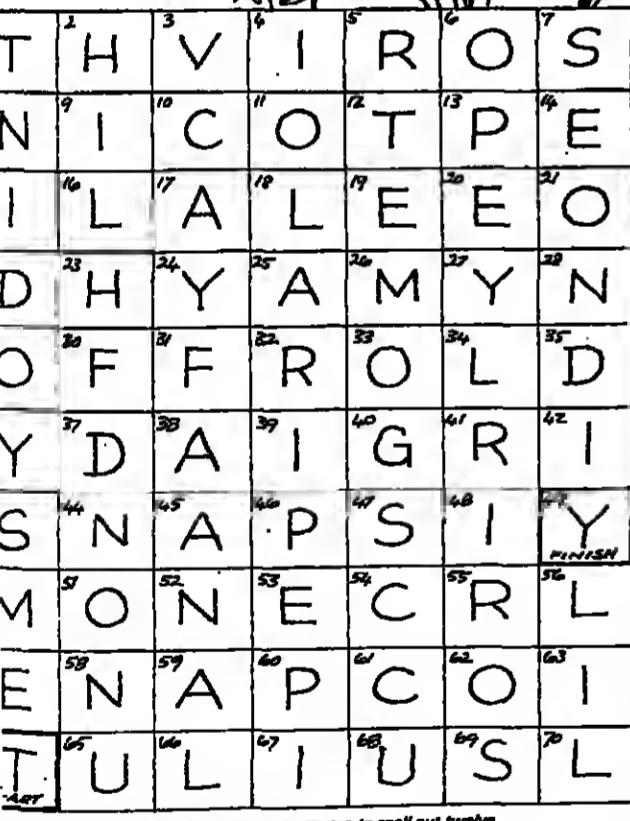
Atma Vijayaratnam celebrated her 9th birthday 22nd August. Best wishes and love come to you from the ship-load, Pratima, am Dad, relatives and friends.

General knowledge quiz

- In knitting there are two basic stitches. Plain is one of them, what is the other?
- Dorset Blue Vinny and Double Gloucester are varieties of the same thing. What are they?
- What do our olfactory organs help you to do?
- What would you expect to find in a sarcophagus?
- What are the rings on the Olympic Games flag present?
- What country ruled the Ottoman Empire?
- A famous Russian newspaper is known as Pravda. What does 'pravda' mean?
- What is meant by the Latin phrase quod erat demonstrandum, and in what circumstances is it used today?
- In special circumstances in the days of Ancient Rome the Latin phrase Morituri te salutant! was shouted by a group of people. What is the meaning of the phrase, and what were the special circumstances?
- What name is given to the stone that provided the key to the language of ancient Egypt?
- What is the London borough that has given its name to the prime meridian of the world?
- Who was the Greek woman poet that Plato called the tenth Muse?
- What is the equation relating mass and energy that is derived from Einstein's theory of relativity?
- What name do we give to the atomic particle which has a positive electrical charge?
- What is the radioactive isotope that can be found in the fall-out from some nuclear bombs and which destroys the tissues that make blood?

Solution on Thursday.

Garden Flower Trail



Truly amazing!

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By C. Etherington

"THERE is no call for wizards nowadays," said the clerk behind the counter at the Job Centre. "With the rising cost of living, people just can't afford those sort of service."

"But we are highly qualified magicians!" protested Wizard High and Mighty.

"People think it's cheaper to buy a do-it-yourself spell book," replied the clerk. "And a terrible mess they make too. Did you hear about that girl who tried to bathe her dog and conjured up five hundred walking bath tubs with tails?" He rocked with laughter. "The authors of those spell books have obviously never lifted a wand in their lives."

The clerk almost toppled off his stool laughing at his own joke. "Wand... finger... ob, never mind!"

Wizard Clever Clogs' long pointed hat began to curl in anger. "I wrote those spell books," he thundered. "What can you expect if people are too ignorant to follow simple instructions?"

Wizard Wise just smiled knowingly.

"The only thing I can offer you is a temporary position in the Cleansing Department," said the clerk, burying his head in the files.

"Cleansing Department? Cleaning? What do you mean?" questioned a suspicious Wizard High and Mighty.

"Dustbins, actually."

"Dustbins!" gasped Wizard Clever Clogs, nearly choking on his long moustache.

"Wizards do not touch other people's rubbish," exploded Wizard High and Mighty.

"We'll take it," said

Wizard Wise, pushing his two dumb-founded friends out of the door before they could answer.

"Eight o'clock on Monday morning," shouted the clerk as they disappeared down the street.

The following Monday at the Cleansing Department the three wizards were given nice, clean overall and put in charge of No. 101, and old, grey dustcart which looked very sorry for itself.

"I don't know why you said we'd do it," grumbled Wizard High and Mighty.

"We needed the job," replied Wizard Wise. "Besides, it should be very interesting and I'm sure we will learn a lot."

"What's interesting about being a dust-wizard?" complained Wizard Clever Clogs. "I won't learn anything from a job like this."

101 rumbled along the first street. Wizard Clever Clogs was driving while Wizard Wise and Wizard High and Mighty brought out the dustbins and emptied them into 101.

"Oh! My back!" moaned Wizard High and Mighty after the first dustbin. He clutched his back and hobbled to the nearest wall to sit down.

Wizard Wise continued emptying the dusty dustbins and had soon got halfway up the street. Each time he glanced back, Wizard High and Mighty doubled himself in two and started groaning: "My back, ooh, my back!"

Meanwhile Wizard Clever Clogs was glaring at 101, which had come to a halt in the middle of the road. The big metal rollers that crunched the rubbish had stopped turning and there was a huge pile of refuse in the back of the machine. Wizard Clever Clogs peered in to see what



was wrong.

"Oh, what a terrible smell!" he snorted, pulling his long pointed hat down over his nose. "I'm not putting up with this a minute longer."

He muttered a spell and a gleaming new dust cart appeared, merrily crunching away at the rubbish. The rollers moved so quickly that they snapped off Wizard Clever Clogs' hat and almost took off his nose before he could jump back.

Wizard Wise was now at the end of the road, so Wizard High and Mighty hopped onto the back of 101, and Wizard Clever Clogs drove them smoothly along to meet him. 101 purred with pleasure.

"I have just had another brilliant idea," said

Wizard Clever Clogs, jumping down from the cart. "It would be much easier if we collected the dustbins in one place so that we could empty them all at once, instead of taking the cart to the dustbins."

"Yes, we could be home by lunchtime," added Wizard High and Mighty happily. "I'm exhausted."

"We are dustmen now, not wizards," protested Wizard Wise. "It wouldn't be right to use magic to get the job done in half the time."

"No one will know, and besides, my spells never go wrong," boasted Wizard Clever Clogs.

Before his friend could say another word they were surrounded by dustbins. The sky was full of them coming from all over the town, and soon there

was no room to move in the street. The children were peering from the windows, enjoying the fun. Wizard Wise began to worry, but Wizard High and Mighty paraded up and down the pavement, displaying his fine cloak and feeling very proud of his friend's magic.

"Now to empty them," shouted Wizard Clever Clogs. He chanted a spell and the bins began emptying themselves.

But when they looked into 101 there was nothing there.

"Where has the rubbish gone?" asked Wizard High and Mighty, peering into the dustbins, which were also empty.

"We always take the lids off to help the dustmen," said John, the little boy leaning out of No. 7.

"How was I to know that?" complained Wizard Clever Clogs. "Wizards have no need for dustbins."

"That means the rubbish has dropped all over town," said Wizard Wise.

"I knew no good would come of this," he chanted a spell and sent the dustbins back with a flick of his wand.

"Now we have twice as much work to do," moaned Wizard High and Mighty.

"You have," replied Wizard Wise with a grin. "I am driving." And he was at the wheel of 101 before the others could say a word.

Wizard Clever Clogs and Wizard High and Mighty began collecting the rubbish. There were old boots sticking out of chimneys, hot water bottles in trees, and the cats were chasing sardine tins that had got caught on the end of their tails. The children were using springy mattresses as trampolines and were having a

marvellous time. Only the two wizards were grumbling.

"I have never worked so hard in my life," gasped Wizard High and Mighty, wiping his black coal over his even blacker face.

"I didn't know dustbins could be so heavy," complained Wizard Clever Clogs.

"Now you see that things are not quite so easy when you're not a wizard," said Wizard Wise from the cab of 101.

Wizard Clever Clogs and Wizard High and Mighty went backwards and forwards, along paths, up and down steps. Their arms got heavier, their hands colder and their legs stiffer and stiffer.

"What's the matter with me?" asked Wizard High and Mighty when he couldn't lift the last dustbin.

"What's wrong with me?" said Wizard Clever Clogs when he went into the same house twice.

"You are tired," shouted Wizard Wise.

"I have always used my wand," said Wizard High and Mighty.

Wizard Wise led the way home, his two friends hobbling and groaning behind him, but feeling quite proud of what they could do with their own two hands.

"As soon as I get home, I shall re-write my do-it-yourself spell book," said Wizard Clever Clogs. "I shall include all the things I have learnt today, so that life will be much easier for everyone."

"And I shall help them when they get into difficulty," laughed Wizard High and Mighty.

Instead of saying "I told you so," Wizard Wise nodded and smiled and said: "Rubbish really isn't rubbish at all."

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE DOG IS SUBJECT TO A VARIETY OF DISEASES THAT INCLUDE DIABETES, RICKETS AND GOUT. REGULAR VETERINARY EXAMINATION IS ADVISABLE.

THE LONGEST-SURVIVING DIABETIC DOG IS A STANDARD PUG NAMED 'ROSE' (BORN 17 JAN 1977) WHO LIVED FOR 11½ YEARS. THE RECORD HOLDER FOR THE SHORTEST LIFE SPAN IS THE CHOW CHOW WITH 44.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE NAKED MOLE RAT OR SAND RAT (XERODROME VULGARIS) OF EASTERN AFRICA IS THE ONLY RODENT THAT LIVES IN GROUPS. AMONG MAMMALS IN THAT IT LIVES IN COLONIES OF 50-100 ANIMALS, DRIVEN BY A SINGLE MATRIARCH.

THE MASTER BUILDER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM IS THE AMERICAN BEAVER (CASTOR CANADENSIS). TO AVOID PREDATORS, A PAIR WILL BUILD AN ELABORATE LODGE UP TO 6 FT (1.8 M) HIGH AND 30 FT (9 M) IN LENGTH. ON A RIVER OR STREAM, THEY SPEND SEVEN DAYS DIGGING A TUNNEL AND CONSTRUCTING A DOME OF BARK, BRANCHES AND MUD. THE LARGEST ON RECORD BEING 650 FT (200 M) LONG.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

DESPITE ITS NAME, THE MOUNTAIN BEAVER (ARADONOTA RUMI) IS NOT RELATED TO THE BEAVER AT ALL. LIVING IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, IT HAS THE STRANGEST DIET OF ANY MAMMAL, PLAINLY EATING THE WORLD'S LARGEST KNOWN FLEA, OR MEGAMENUS, MEASURING 0.5-0.6 CM IN LENGTH.

This flea is big enough for both of us!

Take turns to roll a die, spin a dial or draw a square. The player to make a square with his animal in that square and has another go. The player is the winner when all squares are filled in the grid. There are four sets of dots here for four separate games.

The why of man

Why we are able to hear sounds

We are able to receive messages which come to us from the outside world through our senses.

The messages which reach us by means of air waves are captured by the sense of hearing, which is located in the ear. The ear is a system of perfect mechanisms, closely connected with one another, which enables us to appreciate a wide range of tones and sounds.

By what means does this come about?

The sound waves are collected by the auricle, which is the part of the ear you can see, and cause the drum to vibrate: this is a very thin and taut membrane.

The vibration produces movements of the tiny bones of the middle ear, which have rather curious names because of their shapes; hammer,

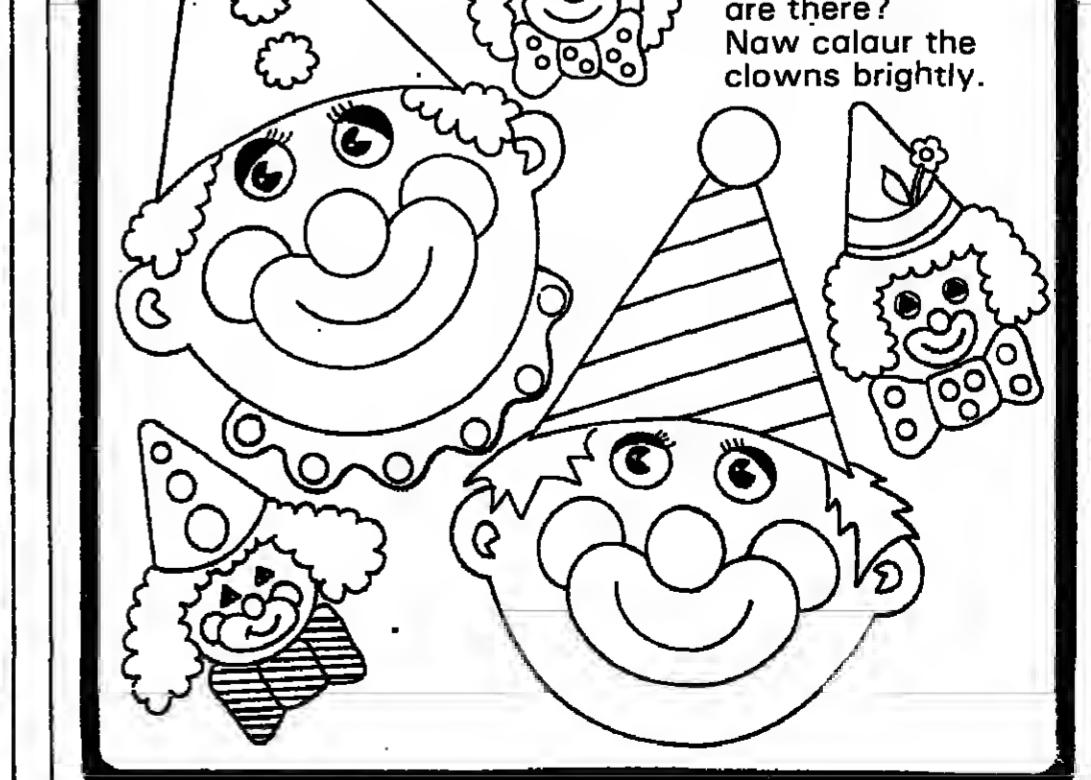
anvil and stirrup.

Nowadays, special hearing aids are available to correct defects of hearing.

The human ear



How many clowns? How many bows? How many circles are there? Now colour the clowns brightly.



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Campaging
Tigers maul
White Sox

NEW YORK, Aug 22. (AP): "It's his best game this year. He threw all the pitches he wanted to," manager Sparky Anderson said after Detroit completed a four-game sweep at Tiger stadium. The Tigers extended their lead to four games over Boston and six over New York.

Morris, 11-12, won for the third time in four decisions. He struck out eight, including the one in the ninth inning, and walked none.

Control

"My mechanics got better. I am jumping around as much as I almost became easy. My body is in control," Morris said.

In Boston, Mark McGwire led the score with his 25th home run and Luis Polonia singled home the tie-breaking run as Oakland rallied in the eighth inning to win 4-3 at Boston. The Athletics topped a three-game losing streak and took the finale in a five-game series.

The Mariners' Scott Bankhead gave up five singles in Seattle's 4-2 victory in seven innings at Yankee stadium as Seattle sent New York to its third straight loss. The Yankees lost for the ninth time in 13 games and fell six behind Detroit, their biggest deficit of the season. The Mariners won three times in the four-game series at Yankee stadium.

Ken Hrbek's two-run double sparked a six-run first inning and Bert Blyleven won his 23rd game as Minnesota beat Texas 2-2.

In Toronto, Ernie Whitt hit a three-run double and Jesse Barfield homered during a seven-run third inning that carried the Blue Jays to an 8-4 victory over Milwaukee. Jimmy Key, 8-3, allowed two runs on six hits in eight innings. It was just the second time in six starts that Key has survived the fifth inning.

In Cleveland, Mark Gubicza won his career-high 15th game and Kansas City scored twice on bunts in their 3-1 victory over the Indians.

California's Willie Fraser pitched a three-run inning and Jack Howell hit an RBI double as the Angels stopped Baltimore's three-game winning streak, 3-2.

Finished

Fraser, 10-10, won his fourth straight decision. He gave up one run on four hits. Sherman Corbett finished for his first Major League save, allowing three hits.

Tim Leary and Los Angeles Dodgers are putting together two rather surprising comebacks this season.

Leary, 14-8, pitched a six-hitter and struck out a career-high 12 batters as Los Angeles beat Montreal 4-0 to sweep a three-game series against the Expos and win their seventh straight game.

The victory kept the Dodgers 5 1/2 games ahead of Houston and San Francisco in the National League West. Last season, fourth-place Los Angeles finished 17 games behind the Giants.

Leary, who was 3-11 in 1987 or the Dodgers, has found his fastball again and is also winning games with his bat.

He went 1-for-3 against the Expos and scored the winning run. He is batting .315 (17-for-44) for the season with nine runs batted in, and also has three game-winning RBI, including one as a pinch-hitter.

"The biggest keyall year is not talking people," said Leary, who was walked 39 in 186 innings. "I get ahead with my fastball and get them swinging earlier in the count. I've got good speed with my split-fingered fastball. I can locate my fastball, and that's like having two or three pitches right there."

Shutouts

Leary, the New York Mets' 1 pick in the June 1979 draft, now leads the NL with six shutouts.

"The last few outings I was okay as far as I was concerned," he said. "I felt strong and I tried to go as hard as I could as long as I could. I knew the bullpen was fresh."

It was the second straight win sweep for the Dodgers, 9-1 in their current homestand.

Results

National League		
Atlanta	1	Chicago
St. Louis	7	Cincinnati
Los Angeles	4	Montreal
San Francisco	6	Philadelphia
St. Louis	2	Pittsburgh
Boston	1	New York
Seattle	12	Texas
American League		
Seattle	4	New York
Baltimore	3	Baltimore
Chicago	5	Chicago
Cleveland	3	Cleveland
Milwaukee	8	Milwaukee
Boston	5	Boston
Texas	4	Texas

WORLD NO.5 WINS CANADIAN OPEN

Sabatini routs Zvereva



Sabatini shows her joy at winning the title. (Reuter wirephoto)

MONTREAL, Aug 22. (Reuter): Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina won a battle of tennis sensations yesterday, beating Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-1, 6-2 in the final of the Canadian Open women's tennis tournament.

Sabatini, 18, needed an hour and seven minutes to complete the victory, her third of the year on tour, and win some \$65,000. She became the youngest winner in the history of this nine-year-old event. American Tracy Austin was six months older, at 18 years and eight months, when she won here in 1981.

Fell

The final was a showcase for the circuit's rising stars when the old guard of Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Pam Shriver, the top seeds in the event, fell to the youth movement. The 17-year-old Zvereva especially had the role of giant killer, with victories over Navratilova and Shriver.

That left Sabatini, the fourth seed and fifth in the world in computer rankings, to confront the Russian, seeded sixth and ranked eighth for the second time in her career.

Sabatini won their first meeting, over three sets in the fourth round at Wimbledon last year, but she was far more dominant in the chilly breezes of sun-bathed Jarry stadium.

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Sabatini took command in the second game of the opening set, when she recorded her first service break.

The Argentine, who excels from the baseline with powerful, topspin groundstrokes, challenged Zvereva with a crackling forehand before using an overhead smash for the winning point.

Sabatini also went to the net when she had to, gently guiding a shot just over the tape to win a point in the third game. But she returned to the overhead for a later point, keeping the Soviet player guessing.

The rattled Zvereva had her serve broken again in the fourth game, losing when her backhand caught the net at 15-40.

Zvereva did not enjoy a lead while holding service until the sixth game of the first set, the only game she won in the 31 minutes of play.

Trailed

Sabatini broke Zvereva's serve in the opening game of the second set. The Russian trailed 2-1 in the fourth game and allowed five break points to slip from her grasp.

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GOLF

Inkster rallies to edge past Daniel

SOMERS PT, N.J., Aug 22. (Reuter): American Juli Inkster came from 10 shots behind compatriot Beth Daniel with 14 holes to go, forced a playoff and won the \$225,000 Atlantic City LPGA Golf Classic yesterday.

On the first sudden-death hole, they both hit drives to the right.

Inkster played an excellent iron from under the trees to the back fringe.

But Daniel did not have a shot

and had to punch out of the rough to about 90 yards off the green. Her third shot was short and she chipped to one foot for a bogey.

Inkster chipped to about two feet and made her putt for par to win the \$33,750 first-place prize and her second victory of the season. It also was the 10th title of her career.

Posted

American Rosie Jones, Betsy King, Debbie Massey and Martha Nasue were tied at 210, four strokes off the pace.

Inkster posted a six-under-par final round score of 65.

Inkster played two holes yester-

day morning to finish her second round, which was postponed because of rain on Saturday.

She birdied both holes to complete her round with a two-under-par 69.

She bogied the third hole to fall

back to even par, but she birdied holes five, six, seven and eight to sit at four-under-par, five strokes behind the leader, Beth Daniel.

"When you get on that momentum train it is like having another partner with you," Inkster said. "I was really just shooting for second place until I saw on 16 that Beth was eight-under-par and I was seven-under. That was when I realized that I had a shot at it."

Gained

Inkster had intended to compete in the Grand Prix finale in West Berlin on Friday, but he scrapped those plans.

"We're out of here," his coach George Francis confirmed, shaking his head in frustration at his charge's poor form.

He clocked a wind-assisted

9.90 seconds there. But since

then, Inkster has been progres-

sively slower over 100 metres.

His time yesterday of 10.29, even

in blustery conditions and with a headwind, was disastrous.

"I just couldn't go," he said.

"After the first 60 metres, I was

just in normal drive. I was too

tired, it wasn't there."

Johnson admitted that his

recent schedule after coming

back from injury had not given

him the same amount of time to

recover between races as in 1987

when he smashed the world



Wilander swings at the ball during his match. (Reuter wirephoto)

Wilander fights back to edge past Edberg

CINCINNATI, Aug 22. (Reuter): Mats Wilander served well to force a final tiebreaker.

Wilander broke first for a 3-1

lead and again to go up 6-2, with

a second-place prize of \$9,340

to his amateur status.

"This was a good tournament in preparing me for the US Open because I was able to relax and not have it too tough mentally," said Agassi, who won five rounds without losing a set.

Tarango, 19, returning to play for this year's Stanford University intercollegiate championship team, had to forego a second-place prize of \$9,340 due to his amateur status.

"I was really rippling the ball on every shot and playing on a higher level than me," said Tarango, who was ranked 251st and got into the draw as a wild card entry. He upset second-seed Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia in the quarterfinals.

Tarango, playing in his first Grand Prix final, was broken at love in the first game of the second set but broke back in the next game when Agassi committed a pair of unforced backhand errors.

"I played a couple of loose points when I was up 3-0 in the second set, and suddenly he was back into the match," Tarango said. "I'm very disappointed to have lost, as I was so much in control, but the quality of tennis that I have played is very encouraging when I think of the US Open. We both played very well."

Wilander broke Edberg to get back to 1-3. Then Edberg, serving for the match at 5-4, hit a forehand 7-5 as Edberg hit a forehand crosscourt wide.

Wilander was back into the match, going on to win the tiebreak 7-5, as Edberg hit a forehand crosscourt wide.

"I feel that I listed my game on the crucial points," said Agassi who has won four other American tournaments in addition to Stuttgart, West Germany. He has won six straight times in the final round since losing to American Jim Grabb 16 months ago in Seoul, South Korea.

In the doubles final, the Canadian team of Grant Connell and Glenn Michalchuk, the top seeded team, beat No. 2 Marc Flur and Sammi Giannalva, both of the United States 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

Tunisia qualify for next round

TUNIS, Aug 22. (Reuter): Guinea beat Tunisia 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in a World Soccer Cup African zone first round second leg match in Conakry yesterday.

Scorers: Abdoulay (33rd and 77th), Camara Toure (49th).

Tunisia, who won the first leg 5-0, qualified for the next round 5-3 on aggregate.

And in Monrovia, Liberia defeated Ghana 2-0.

The two teams had played to a 0-0 draw Aug 7 in Accra in the first leg.

George Oppong Weah put Liberia ahead to stay with a goal in the 23rd minute and James Dibar added a second goal in the 86th minute of play.



Thanasis Kaloyannis, 400-metre champion of Greece, receives the torch from the high priestess to be the first runner in the relay during a rehearsal of the Olympic torch ceremony in ancient Olympia yesterday. The ceremony will set off the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. (Reuter wirephoto)

Aldridge aims to make things difficult for Dalglish

Feyenoord hold PSV in season opener



Aldridge (right) prepares to avoid a tackle by Wimbleton's Eric Young during the Charity Shield match.

Feyenoord was spared European football this season.

About Ajax Amsterdam's 2-1

are simply no stars on the present side."

No one could accuse Tomislav Ivic, Yugoslav trainer of French First Division leaders Paris Saint-Germain, of getting carried away by his team's success.

Their 1-0 win at Toulon was their sixth in seven games and put them two points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand.

That is in sharp contrast to last season when they struggled to avoid relegation but Ivic is playing down their aspirations.

"We are not in the position we should be," he said. "Other clubs like Monaco or Bordeaux are the stuff of champions. Our ambition is still the same as it was before the season started — to finish in the middle of the table, between 7th and 10th."

Now working in his sixth country, Ivic took Porto to a League and Cup double in Portugal last season. He has already worked miracles on Paris Saint-Germain defence which let in 45 goals last season. It has conceded only one so far this time.

In West Germany, VfB Stuttgart's impressive 4-0 victory over newly-promoted local rivals Stuttgart Kickers left them the only team with a 100 per cent

SPORTS BRIEFS

Test all-rounder

LONDON, Aug 22, (AP): England Test all-rounder Phillip DeFreitas, dropped by his county Leicestershire last month for lack of effort, said today he would leave the club at the end of the season.

Mali win

BAMAKO, Aug 22, (Reuter): Mali beat Egypt 2-0 (half-time 0-0) yesterday in the first leg of an African Junior Soccer Championship semifinal.

Irish club

LONDON, Aug 22, (Reuter): Northern Irish soccer club Linfield, banned from using their own ground, will cross the Irish Sea to play the home leg of their UEFA Cup tie against Finland's Turun Palloseura in Wales, the club said yesterday.

W.German athlete

LAGE, West Germany, Aug 22, (Reuter): West German decathlete Juergen Hinsen, Olympic silver medalist in 1984, scraped past the qualification mark for next month's Seoul Games at a non-competitive meeting yesterday.

Coors Classic

BOULDER, Colorado, Aug 22, (AP): Inga Benedict rode her way to the championship of the Coors International Bicycle Classic yesterday, ending three years of frustration at second- and third-place finishes in the race.

Title fight

CAPO D'ORLANDO, Italy, Aug 22, (Reuter): Jose Sanahia of Venezuela retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) super bantamweight title yesterday after beating Italy's Vincenzo Belcastro on points.

Record holder

CHIETI, Italy, Aug 22, (Reuter): World 200 metres record holder Pietro Mennea still harbours hopes of competing in his fifth Olympics next month despite leg muscle trouble and disappointing comeback attempts.

Speelman triumphs

LONDON, Aug. 22, (Reuter): World number five grandmaster Jonathan Speelman won the fourth game of the world chess quarterfinal yesterday to go 3-1 over fellow Briton Nigel Short with two more games to play.

Olympic champion

PARIS, Aug. 22, (Reuter): Olympic pole vault champion Pierre Quinon has decided to go on holiday after missing selection for the Seoul Games.

Bobbi Rahal

LONG POND, Pennsylvania, Aug. 22, (AP): Bobbi Rahal survived the crashed-filled Quaker state 500 Indy-car race yesterday, ending Chevrolet's season-long dominance and taking the series point lead.

Allison triumphs

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug. 22, (AP): Davey Allison took the lead with 46 miles (74 kilometers) to go and pulled away from Rusty Wallace and Bill Elliott for his first Winston Cup victory of the year yesterday in the champion 400 Nascar Race at Michigan International Speedway.

US lose

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan, Aug. 22, (AP): Reggie Miller scored 20 points and Isiah Thomas had 15 yesterday as an NBA Select team handed the US Olympic finalists their first loss in five games against professional competition, 90-83.

Louganis makes history

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 22, (Reuter): Olympic double gold medalist Greg Louganis became the first American male diver in history to make four consecutive US Olympic teams as he won the men's 10-metre platform final at the US Olympic trials yesterday.

Louganis, 28, accumulated 1,331.19 points. Patrick Jeffrey, 25, was second with 1,261.71 and also qualified for the team. Louganis also won the three-metre springboard title on Saturday.

Never

The top two divers in each event qualify for the team.

Since 1976, Louganis has never finished less than first in any Olympic trials. He was 16 when he made his first US team.

In yesterday's final, Louganis was awarded six 10s and 9.5 on his fourth dive, an inward one-and-one-half somersault pike. He totalled seven 10s in the 10 rounds.

"I'm pretty relieved it's over," Louganis said. "The hard part,

100 with only two wickets down. Pridgeon began the slump by having Brian Hardie (47) caught on the boundary and was joined by Radford causing an Essex nose dive to 136 for seven in ten overs.

Worcestershire's total of 179 for four in a rain-reduced 36-over match was a good effort on an awkward pitch.

Opposite Paul Pridgeon (four for 36) and Neal Radford (three for 29) sent Essex crashing for 161 after they had cruised past

Three run-outs, including that

of Kim Barnett, who returned from hospital after breaking a nose in the field, cost Derbyshire victory at Old Trafford and put Lancashire into second place. Lancashire won by two runs with one ball left but it was all down to their experienced players, David Hughes and Jack Simmons.

Hughes produced two stunning pieces of fielding to dismiss Frank Griffith and then Barnett. Simmons inflicted the crucial blow in the last over by recovering from a mis-field to run out Simon Base as the batsmen attempted a second run.

Derbyshire were left stranded all out for 198 after Michael Holding had put them in charge with a sizzling half-century off 38 balls.

Gloucestershire kept their hopes alive of a play-off place by beating Kent by 80 runs at Moreton-in-Marsh. A decisive stand of 166 for the second wicket in 24 overs by Phil Bainbridge and Tony Wright, who both scored 81, set up Gloucestershire's total of 269 for eight.

Results
At Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucester-

shire beat Kent by 80 runs. Gloucestershire 269 for eight innings, closed (A. Wright 81, P. Bainbridge 81, P. Romines 42), Kent 189, 36.1 overs (K. Curran three for 24). Gloucestershire four points.

At Wellingborough: Northamptonshire 171 for eight innings closed (D. Wild 54, P. North three for 20). Gloucestershire 172 for four in 37.3 overs (R. Gravenor 57 not out, M. Maynard 44). Radford three for 29). Gloucestershire four points.

At Worcester (restricted to 36 overs because of rain): Worcester 164 for four inns closed (G. Hick 59, P. Neale 54 not out). Essex 161 in 34.3 overs (B. Hardie 47, P. Pridgeon four for 34). Radford three for 29). Worcester 160 for nine in 28 overs (J. Richards 41, F. Stephenson four for 23). Fraser-Darling 3 for 23). Nottinghamshire four points.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Somer-

Cantona apologises to national trainer

PARIS, Aug 22, (Reuter): France's most expensive soccer player Eric Cantona apologised today for a vitriolic weekend outburst against national trainer Henri Michel.

Cantona, surprisingly omitted from the 16 selected for Wednesday's friendly with Czechoslovakia in Paris, called Michel "one of the world's most incompetent trainers" in a television interview on Saturday.

He continued his invective by describing Michel as "not far from a bag of shit" and said he would refuse to play for France while the trainer was in charge.

Worcestershire take Sunday League top spot

LONDON, Aug 22, (AP): Worcestershire, chasing an unprecedented haul of four trophies, moved to the top of the Refuge Assurance Sunday League with an 18-run victory over Essex at New Road yesterday.

A nine-match unbeaten run now means they need only to avoid defeat by Warwickshire in the last match to retain their Sunday title.

Opposite Paul Pridgeon (four for 36) and Neal Radford (three for 29) sent Essex crashing for 161 after they had cruised past

Three run-outs, including that

Soviet chess title play-off in doubt

MOSCOW, Aug. 22, (Reuter): Soviet chess officials said today a play-off for the Soviet chess title between world champion Garry Kasparov and his arch-rival Anatoly Karpov was unlikely to go ahead as scheduled.

"There will not be a game today," an official of the state sport committee's chess section told Reuters. He said it was unsure whether the four-game match would proceed at all due to Karpov's objections about the arrangements.

The play-off, due to begin on Monday, was scheduled after Karpov and Karpov tied 11-5 last week in the Soviet chess championship tournament which began late last month.

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At a news conference on Friday, Karpov said he might refuse to compete because of rules obliging the competitors to continue playing until one of them won a game if the match was drawn 2-2.

"It seems that Karpov will not play," another chess official told Reuters. "He is demanding a rest."

Karpov, who ended Karpov's 10-year reign as world champion in 1985, said on Friday he was prepared to compete and would not insist on the "sudden death" finish if the match was drawn.

Personality clashes have marked the intense Kasparov-Karpov rivalry since the two first met over the chessboard. While they have competed against each other 130 times, the Moscow tournament is their first confrontation for the Soviet title.

IOC chief seeks wild card for Coe

LONDON, Aug. 22, (AP): International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch was reported today to be considering a unique "wild card" invitation to double 1,500-metre Olympic champion Sebastian Coe to compete at next month's Games in Seoul.

The apparent move came two days after British track chiefs "politely but firmly" rejected an unpreceded plea by Samaranch to select Coe, who was omitted from the country's Olympic roster after a dismal performance in the national trials.

Samaranch's weekend plea, in which he described Coe as a "great Olympic champion," came in a letter to the British Amateur Athletic Board which, in turn, described the request as extraordinary and said that it could not find room for the middle-distance ace.

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